

Govt wants more varsity students in youth activity

PUTRAJAYA: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) will play host to this year's National Youth Day main celebration on May 15, replacing the usual venue Putrajaya.

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said organising the celebrations in a university would allow students to be more involved in youth organisations.

He said the UPM event was part of Rakan Muda's Jelajah Kampus programme, where Youth Day events will be brought to other campuses nationwide.

It was held at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak on April 23.

"In May, the event will be in UPM, which is also the National Youth Day main celebration venue," said Khairy.

The event will be held at Taylor's University in July, Malacca's Multimedia University in August, Terengganu's Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin in September and Universiti Utara Malaysia in October.

"We want youth organisations to get closer with university students so we can have more of them involved in youth activities.

"After all, students are the ones who will lead these youth bodies in the future," said Khairy at the pre-launch of the National Youth Day 2016 celebrations.

Khairy said that due to the Government's cost-cutting exercise, holding a massive festival in Putrajaya would not be viable.

"It is better for us to focus our resources on other places," said Khairy.