

HEARING THEIR CONCERNS

# GOVT AGREES TO FORM YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Young senator to be appointed to Dewan Negara to represent nation's youths

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**T**HE government has agreed to a proposal to form a youth advisory group to ensure the segment's voices and concerns are heard.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyid-

din Yassin said the proposal was brought forward by the Malaysian Youth Council (MBM) during a meeting recently.

"I met the council's leadership and in the discussion, it is clear that there is an understanding between the leadership and government on measures to improve the development of youths in the country.

"One of the proposals submitted was the formation of a youth advisory group to the government.

"I have agreed to the proposal and the group will advise me on what I can do for the youths. In-syaallah it will be done," said Muhyiddin in his speech to



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin signing a plaque after launching the National Youth Day 2020 in Johor Baru yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

launch the National Youth Day 2020 here.

He also said the government had agreed to appoint a youth representative in Dewan Negara and ensure the inclusion of their opinion in the decision-making process at every level.

Present were Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad and MBM president Jufitri Joha.

Muhyiddin said he took seriously the concerns raised by Reezal on the youths' concern over the loss of jobs.

"I understand that a lot of

youths are facing problems from the loss of employment and income due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Movement Control Order.

"However, the unemployment rate has decreased following the government's decision to open economic sectors in stages," said Muhyiddin.

He said according to the Statistics Department, the country's unemployment rate dropped to 4.9 per cent in June compared with 5.3 per cent in May.

"Alhamdulillah, these are signs that the economic recovery measures that have been taken are starting to bear fruit," he said.



## ROYAL RECEPTION

Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar yesterday granted an audience to Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, at Istana Bukit Serene in Johor Baru. Muhyiddin and his wife arrived at the palace at 9.30am, where they were welcomed

by Sultan Ibrahim and his consort, Raja Zarith Sofiah Sultan Idris Shah. The audience with the ruler of Johor lasted almost an hour, after which they were treated to a luncheon along with other guests. Also present were Tunku Mahkota Johor Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim and his wife, Che

Puan Khaleeda Bustamam, along with Menteri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad. Others in attendance were Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Mohd Zuki Ali and Johor State Secretary Datuk Azmi Rohani. PICTURE COURTESY OF ROYAL PRESS OFFICE