

# KHAIRY LAUNCHES CAMPUS TALENT PROGRAMME

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*Khairy (second left) and Fadillah (right) visiting an activity booth at the Unimas event. — Photo by Chimon Upon*

KOTA SAMARAHAN: Six universities nationwide have been selected for the ‘Jelajah Kampus’ programme, an initiative by the Youth and Sports Ministry (KBS) which will replace the Putrajaya Youth Carnival starting this year.

According to its minister Khairy Jamaluddin, the KBS programme is focused on grassroots level to provide a venue for youths to showcase their talent in a field of their choice.

“Students of these universities will have a proper venue to share fresh ideas, get inspiration and also give a positive impact to society,” said Khairy in a press conference after launching the ‘Jelajah Kampus’ for Unimas here yesterday.

He added that the location for the programme is not limited to government-owned higher learning institutions but also private ones as well.

“We had identified six, which are the University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), University Putra Malaysia (UPM) in May, Taylor’s University in Selangor in July, Multimedia University Malacca in August,” said Khairy.

“The event will also be held in Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin in Terengganu and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) in Kedah on October.

On grants awarded to youths for programmes under Rakan Muda, Khairy said a total of RM20 million has been allocated for the fund and a portion has been awarded to deserving youth talents.

“The allocation depends on their needs and we will assess them according to their talent and social activities they are involved in,” he said.

Among the programmes for the Jelajah Kampus were stage shows, workshop, gallery and exhibition, meet-and-greet, and also registration for Rakan Muda programme.

On another matter, Khairy when asked on changes in the Football Association Malaysia (FAM) leadership said the matter can only materialise at the FAM Congress in 2018.

“Changes cannot be done now and it is the duty of FA representatives under FAM to decide the leadership. It has to be at the 2018 congress,” he added.

Also present at the Unimas event was Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusuf.