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Youth Council Alumni gets RM500,000 to set up foundation

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KUALA LUMPUR: The soon-to-be-formed Malaysian Youth Council Alumni Foundation has received an initial funding of RM500,000 from the Government.

Meant to kick start the foundation, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi announced the funding during the Malaysian Youth Council Alumni dinner at the Putra World Trade Centre last night.

He hoped the foundation's formation would ensure that the welfare of the alumni would be taken care of.

"I was told that many do not have insurance coverage should they fall sick," he said, adding that it was apt for the foundation to be set up now as the senior alumni were now in their 60s and 70s.

The council, he said, had contributed much to the country, adding that it had given birth to many leaders.

The dinner, he said, was not only held to relive the nostalgia but to ensure that the leadership spirit and activism lived on within the alumni.

Malaysian Youth Council Alumni president Datuk Dr Shamsul Anuar Nasarah said the idea for the foundation came from others to look

after the welfare of ex-sportsmen and former artistes.

"It is estimated that we have about five million former youth activists in the country and there are many who are sick due to old age," said Shamsul, adding that it was time to help former youth leaders and activists who had contributed to the country.

The dinner was attended by about 1,500 alumni.

Also present were Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar, former Melaka chief minister Tan Sri Mohd Ali Rustam and former Perak menteri besar Tan Sri Tajol Rosli Ghazali.



Truly grateful:
An emotional Selangor secretary of the Malaysia Youth Council Ramly Mohd Shariff thanking Dr Ahmad Zahid for the donation, at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur.