

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**MALAYSIAN
YOUTH
POLICY**

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS MALAYSIA



Indeed, globalization brings us to the future that is full of challenges and resistance. The youth of today are unfettered from the technological, economic, social and political challenges that will challenge their ability and endurance. As the inheritor to the continuity of the country's future leadership, youth must be adequately prepared with a variety of plans and equipment like fighters who constantly practice to face the enemy on the battlefield.

Therefore, I believe Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) will always be aware of the current environment and has developed a variety of initiatives and programmes that are able to mould a charismatic, dynamic and progressive youth generation including providing a holistic policy of strengthening the development of Malaysian youth.

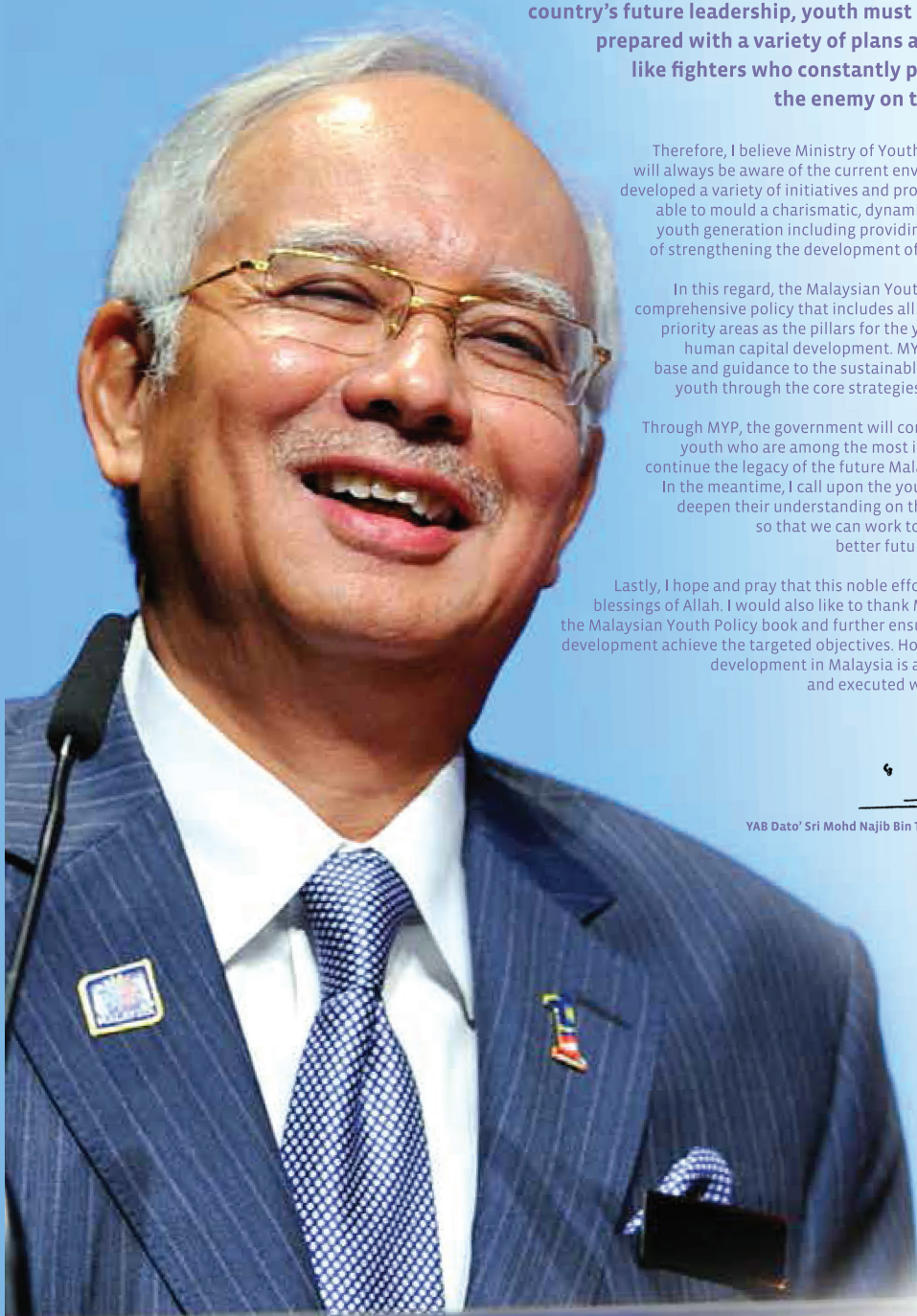
In this regard, the Malaysian Youth Policy (MYP) is a comprehensive policy that includes all youth groups and priority areas as the pillars for the youth identity and human capital development. MYP is able to be the base and guidance to the sustainable development of youth through the core strategies outlined by MYP.


Through MYP, the government will continue to focus on youth who are among the most important asset to continue the legacy of the future Malaysian leadership. In the meantime, I call upon the youth to explore and deepen their understanding on the essence of MYP so that we can work together to shape a better future for the country.

Lastly, I hope and pray that this noble effort will receive the blessings of Allah. I would also like to thank MYS for producing the Malaysian Youth Policy book and further ensure that the youth development achieve the targeted objectives. Hopefully, the youth development in Malaysia is able to be planned and executed with great success.



YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak





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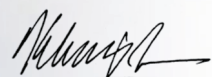
This book contains the MYP statements and the elaboration of mechanisms for the implementation of major policies that support youth development programmes under the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) and other stakeholders. The existing implementation policies and strategies were refined and given a breath of new life.

The MYP book should serve as the reference among all the youth stakeholders whether at the policy formulation or implementation level. MYS as the policy makers has formulated MYP as a reference, guidance and the programmes coordination base of the youth development programmes in Malaysia across all the relevant agencies or organizations.

All parties have played their roles and showed solidarity in providing high commitment during the policy formulation process. This policy has also taken into consideration the challenges of youth development at the global level as well as the needs of youth development in the context of a plural society in Malaysia. The challenges of globalization, liberalization and the development of information and communication technology in the new millennium demands MYS to create a balanced venue for youth development across the socio-demographic aspects of youth.

Accordingly, MYS has high hopes for the MYP to be among the main policies of the country, especially from the perspective of youth human capital development. This policy should be seen as the mainstay and guidance to all stakeholders, including the leadership of the country, government agencies, private sector, research agencies, youth organizations, non-governmental organizations, communities, family and the youths themselves.

My sincere appreciation and gratitude goes to all those who have given huge and positive contributions in the preparation of this policy. Feedbacks, insights, and ideas that have been raised are very much appreciated and we hope that our noble desire to develop a youth-based MYP will be successfully executed and blessed by Allah.



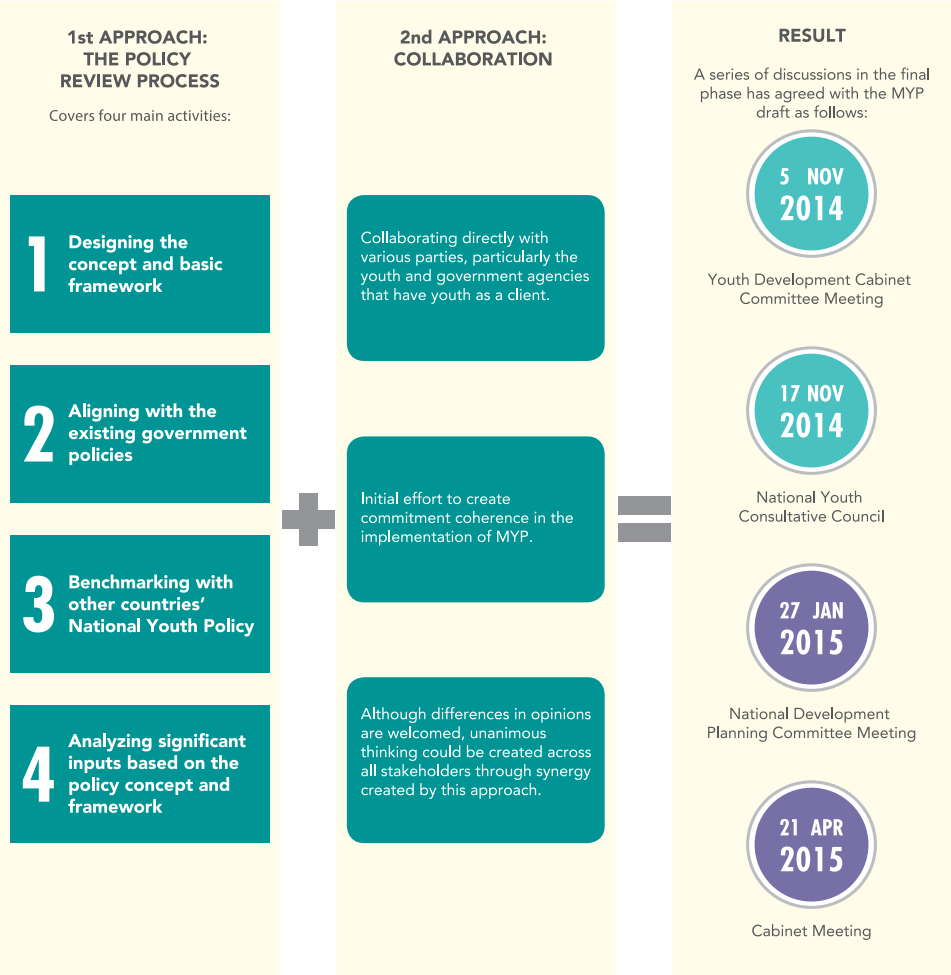
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INTRODUCTION

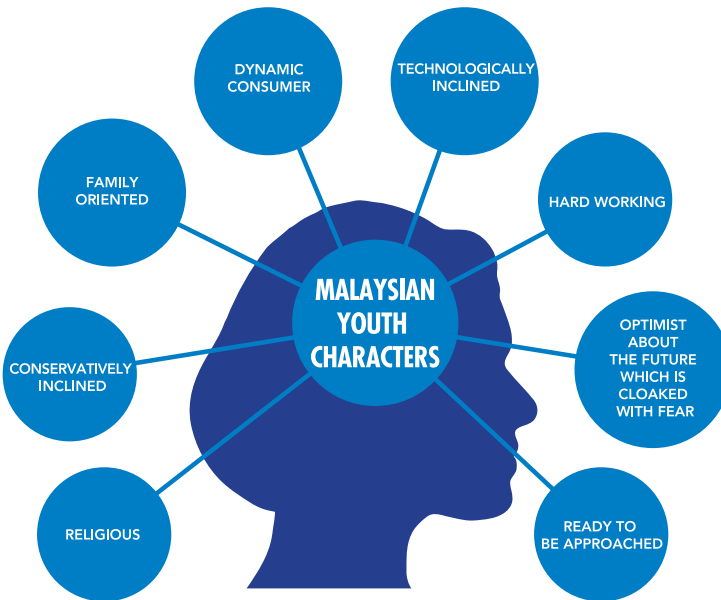
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In an effort to enhance the formulation of MYP, MYS has implemented a review process since 2011 with two main approaches.



MALAYSIAN YOUTH TODAY



SOURCE: "Understanding the Anxieties and Desires of Malaysian Youth",
Institute For Youth Research Malaysia (IYRES) 2012

MALAYSIAN YOUTH CHALLENGES

POLITICAL CHALLENGES

- 1: Political Literacy
- 2: Political Maturity
- 3: Leadership
- 4: Global thinking
- 5: Relationships within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) communities and International



ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

- 1: Cost of Living
- 2: Entrepreneurial Culture
- 3: Skills
- 4: Employment
- 5: Urban poor youth
- 6: Remigration
- 7: Personal Finance



SOCIAL CHALLENGES

- 1: Education
- 2: Social ills
- 3: Spirituality and Religion
- 4: Good Values
- 5: Self-identity and Unity
- 6: Volunteerism
- 7: Mental and Physical Health
- 8: Family Institution
- 9: Human Touch
- 10: Community Institution



TECHNOLOGICAL CHALLENGES

- 1: Communication and Information Technology
- 2: Social or Digital Media
- 3: Innovation and Creativity
- 4: Science and Technology



MALAYSIAN YOUTH POLICY (MYP) STATEMENT

“Strengthening the human capital and the potential of youth as the driver for the future strategic development of the country in accordance with the Federal Constitution and Rukun Negara.”



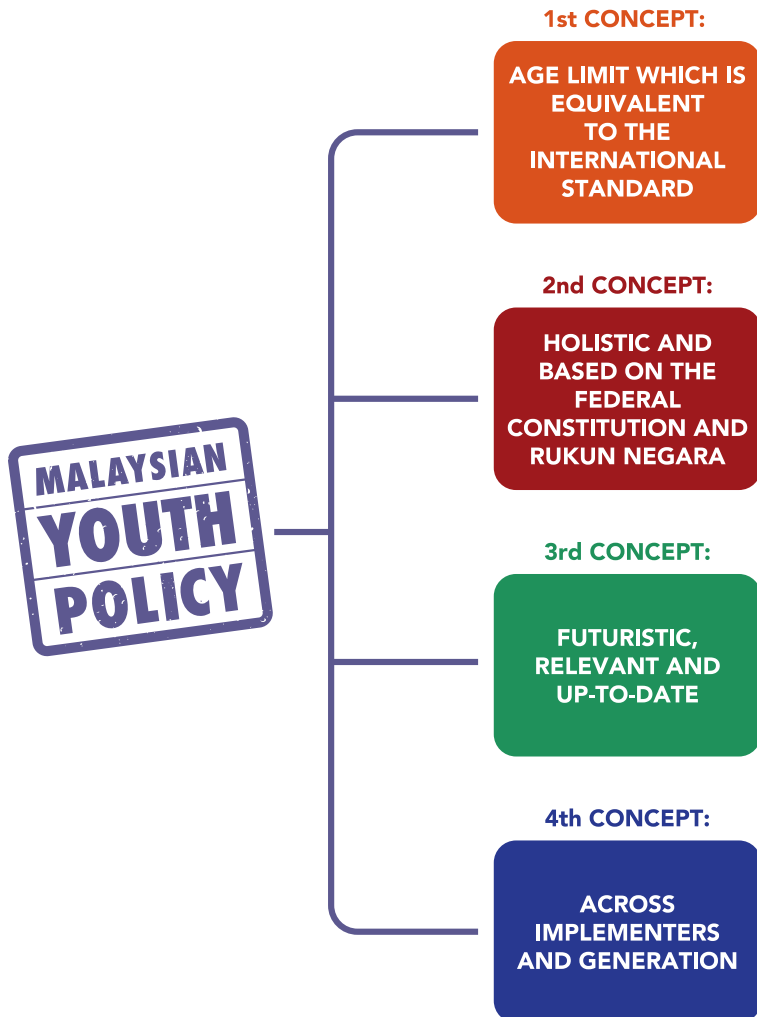
MALAYSIAN YOUTH POLICY (MYP) GOAL

1. Increase the **involvement** of youth as **responsible citizens** in the initiatives at the national, regional and international levels.
2. Highlight the **potential** of each individual youth by celebrating everyone's diversity and differences.
3. Expand the **access** to priority areas and youth development **initiatives** for the benefit of all target groups.



FOUR CONCEPTS OF MALAYSIAN YOUTH POLICY


MYP was formulated based on four concepts to address the challenges by strengthening and highlighting the youth potential. The four concepts are as follows:



1st CONCEPT:

AGE LIMIT WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Age limit which is equivalent to the international standard determines that the youth age limit is based on the need to ensure that all the national resources are appropriately integrated for youth development. At the same time, this concept is able to fulfil the nation's future development. The need is based on rejuvenating the youth leadership, empowering the young people, young country and in line with the international age definition.



CHILDREN < 18	ADULT 18	SENIOR CITIZEN ≥60	YOUTH 15 - 24	YOUTH 15 - 29	YOUNG PEOPLE 10 - 24	ADOLESCENT 10 - 19	LABOUR 15 - 64
SOURCE: Child Act 2001 (Act 611)	SOURCE: Age of Majority Act 1971 (Act 21)	SOURCE: National Senior Citizen Policy	SOURCE: United Nations	SOURCE: Commonwealth	SOURCE: World Health Organization (WHO)		SOURCE: International Labour Organization (ILO)



YOUTH

"YOUNG, YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE AS A WHOLE WHETHER MALE OR FEMALE".

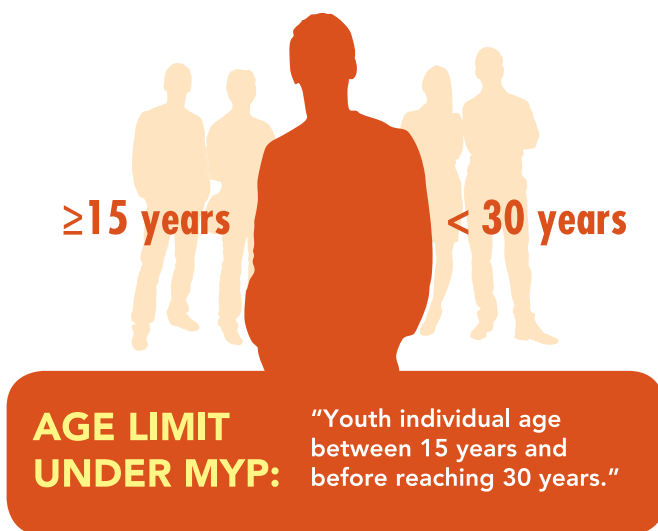
SOURCE: Kamus Dewan, 2000

1st CONCEPT:

AGE LIMIT WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

YOUTH AGE LIMIT

The youth age limit definition is one of the important bases in measuring the result of the actual output of the youth achievement. The similar measurement criteria is a requirement to assess the achievements of youth at regional, the Commonwealth and international level.



The new youth age definition will be implemented in 2018 to provide ample time for training and transitions of the new leadership and the process of amending the Youth Societies and Youth Development Act 2007 (Act 668).

RATIONALE FOR THE SELECTION OF YOUTH AGE LIMIT



TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE LEADERSHIP



REDUCE THE GENERATION AMONG YOUTH



EXPEDITE THE YOUTH MATURITY PROCESS



REDUCE THE RISKY BEHAVIOURS AMONG YOUTH



STABILIZE THE YOUTH SELF-IDENTITY



STRENGTHENING THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



DETERMINING A MORE SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TOWARDS THE ADULT YOUTH TRANSITION



BENEFITING THE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

1st CONCEPT:

AGE LIMIT WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

YOUTH POPULATION

MALAYSIAN POPULATION IN 2013

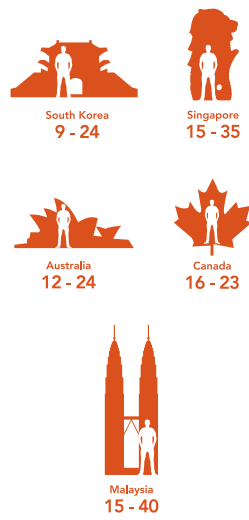
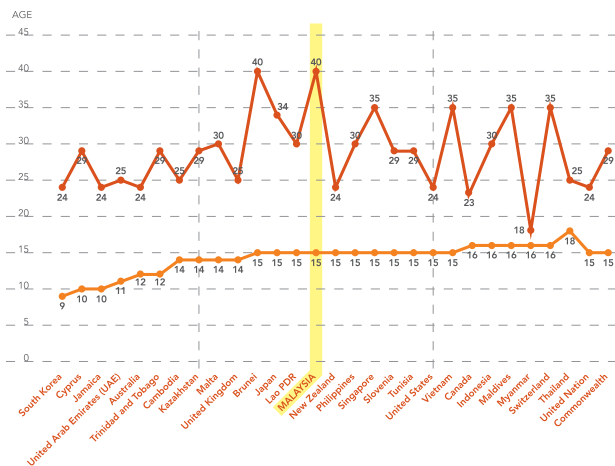
MALAYSIAN CITIZEN POPULATION IN 2013



SOURCE: Department of Statistic Malaysia, 2013

- The number of youth population which is appropriate to enable country's resources to be consolidated for youth development.
- The youth population percentage is in line with the population percentage of youth in Commonwealth countries that is at the average of 28 percent.
- The declining youth population percentage for the next 20 years (23.5 percent in 2035) is also in the line with the average population of the countries such as Australia, Canada and South Korea which obtained the best 10 score in the Commonwealth Youth Index 2013 at the rate of 23 Percent.

INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES



SOURCE: www.youthpolicy.org

2nd CONCEPT:

HOLISTIC AND BASED ON THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND THE RUKUN NEGARA

MYP determines that the youth development is holistically designed and guided by the Federal Constitution and National Principle. Focus were given to strengthening and highlighting the youth potential towards a more positive future youth development and portraying a good beginning.

Therefore, this concept produced a youth development effort consisting of all youth that were categorized in **eight youth target groups** with the aspect of strengthening and highlighting the youth human capital potential based on the **nine youth priority areas**.

YOUTH TARGET GROUPS

Eight youth target groups were formed to:

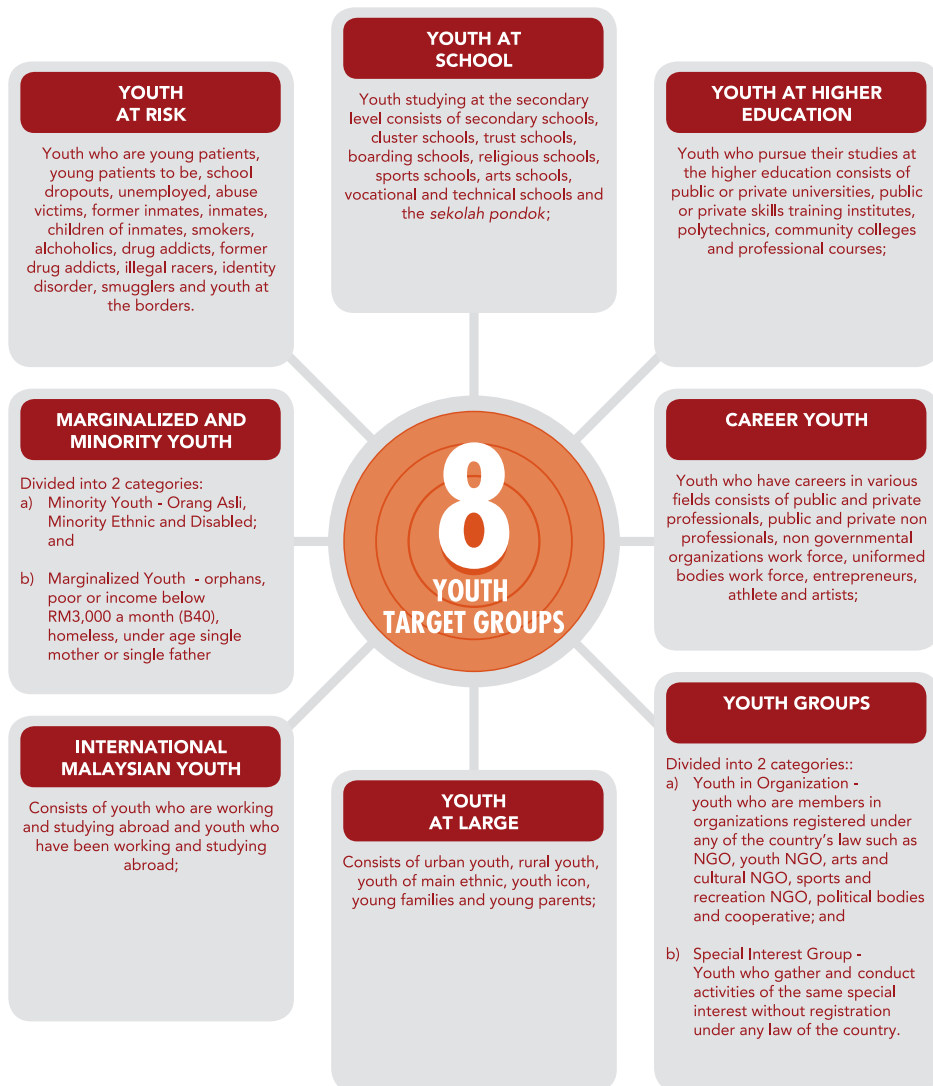
- i. facilitate the implementers of MYP identify the youth groups that needed to be given focus based on their functions;
- ii. facilitate the implementers of MYP in the planning and implementation of a more strategic youth development; and
- iii. enable MYS to better coordinate with all the implementers after identifying the youth groups who were given less attention but facing great challenges in their survival.

Eight youth target groups were categorized to three age groups to increase the access of youth development programme implementation to the specific target groups.



2nd CONCEPT:

HOLISTIC AND BASED ON THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND THE RUKUN NEGARA



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HOLISTIC AND BASED ON THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND THE RUKUN NEGARA

Highlighting the talent and potential of the youth human capital so that they are able to contribute at all life stages up to the international level through the stakeholders' strategic cooperation based on the nine priority areas as follows:



2nd CONCEPT:

HOLISTIC AND BASED ON THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND THE RUKUN NEGARA



1st YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING

Emphasis on making the youth skilled or familiar with the knowledge and education received.



2nd YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

NATIONHOOD AND SELF-IDENTITY

Emphasis on the nature or the unique and special characteristics in terms of religion, tradition, language and culture as the thrust or symbol of the youth individually or the race.



3rd YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS LIFESTYLE

Emphasis on healthy lifestyle, physically, mentally/emotionally, socially and spiritually, peaceful and prosperous, calm and tranquil and protected from disaster.



4th YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

LEADERSHIP

Emphasis on youth capacity building in terms of capability, efficiency and achievement as a leader.



5th YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

VOLUNTEERISM AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Emphasis on all matters relating to the voluntary participation in the creation of a society that does not need law enforcement to adopt a positive lifestyle.



6th YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Emphasis on the activities and skills related to entrepreneurship aspect.



7th YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Emphasis on highlighting the inquiring mind (curiosity) and the scientific mind towards generating innovation and creativity.



8th YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

YOUTH WORK PROFESSIONALISM

A new field focusing on building the capacity and competency of the group organizing the youth in related matters. The purpose is to make sure that the implementers of youth development are capable in ensuring that the implementation of MYP truly fulfills the needs of youth development and contribute towards strategic development of the country in the future.



9th YOUTH PRIORITY AREA

RECOGNITION

Emphasis on recognizing the contribution of youth in national development without negating the contributions of other groups.

3rd CONCEPT:

FUTURISTIC, RELEVANT AND UP-TO-DATE

MYP is a policy that views the long term future at least for a period of **20 years**. At the same time, the implementation of youth development should always be relevant and up-to-date with the current needs of youth.

MYP 1st THRUST: POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

1st Basis, MYP 1st THRUST: POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – ACHIEVING 8Cs GOAL

Achieving 8C Goal is formed based on the needs of youth development in Malaysia. The characteristics that should be possessed by the youth in achieving this goal are as follows:



CARING



COMPETENT



CHARACTER



CONFIDENT



COOPERATION



CONSIDERATE



COMPETITIVE



CONTRIBUTION

2nd BASIS, MYP 1st THRUST: POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – THE WELL-BEING DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALAYSIAN YOUTH ASSETS

This basis aims to create a generation of youth who are healthy, caring and responsible. It contains 48 elements of youth assets that are tailored to the national needs. All of these elements are arranged based on 10 main domains which are categorized into two assets, namely:

EXTERNAL ASSETS:

- Support
- Empowerment
- Limitations and Expectations
- Constructive Time Usage

INTERNAL ASSETS:

- Learning Commitment
- Positive Value
- Social Competency
- Positive Identity
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Religion

3rd CONCEPT: FUTURISTIC, RELEVANT AND UP-TO-DATE

MYP 2nd THRUST: FROM YOUTH FOR YOUTH

This thrust is an ongoing process to improve the well-being of youth community capacity by utilizing various resources through joint production. It also aims to increase youth participation as citizens in contributing towards the national development through increased participation of youth in the community.

Therefore, 2nd MYP Thrust: From Youth for Youth is based on five major elements:

CITIZENSHIP LADDER

CROWDSOURCING

EMPOWERMENT

INVOLVEMENT

PARTICIPATION

MYP 3rd THRUST: YOUTH AS THE NATION'S RESOURCE AND ASSET



NON-FORMAL
EDUCATION



YOUTH
TRAINING POLICY



YOUTH
ADVISORY BODY



YOUTH
LEGISLATION



YOUTH
INFORMATION
POLICY



VARIOUS
LEVEL POLICY



YOUTH
RESEARCH



YOUTH
PARTICIPATION



INTER MINISTRY
COOPERATION



INNOVATION



YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT
FUND

3rd CONCEPT: FUTURISTIC, RELEVANT AND UP-TO-DATE

MYP ASSESSMENT MECHANISM

MYP assessment mechanism was designed to ensure that the MYP implementations which are futuristic in nature are always current and relevant in meeting the needs of youth development. At present, the mechanism sets 6 main ratings:



4th CONCEPT:

ACROSS THE IMPLEMENTERS AND GENERATIONS

ACROSS IMPLEMENTERS CONCEPT

Across the Implementers Concept is the MYP resolution to ensure that the youth development in this country is executed together based on the functions and capabilities of each implementer.

Thus, MYP has identified 10 youth development implementing groups or stakeholders which are:



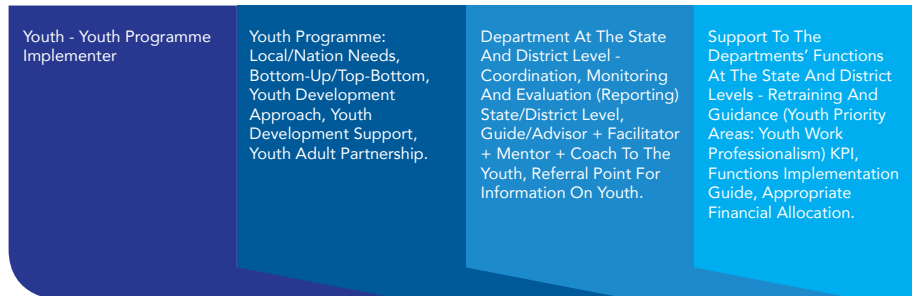
MYS AS THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The Cabinet Meeting on 9th February 2011, has decided that MYS will become the coordinator to all ministries and agencies in the field of youth expertise and not acting alone. A committee will be established to plan, coordinate, implement, monitor and evaluate the programmes and activities of each of the Youth Priority Areas. The Committee shall be known as the Youth Priority Committee chaired and managed by MYS and carried out periodically. The Committee shall be responsible to the Cabinet Committee on Youth Development (CCYD).

4th CONCEPT:

ACROSS THE IMPLEMENTERS AND GENERATIONS

EMPOWERMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AT THE STATE / DISTRICT LEVELS



PHASES UNDER THE ACROSS GENERATION CONCEPT

The following phases of human capital development should be integrated and interconnected.

1st PHASE: MARRIAGE INSTITUTION

Begins during the selection of a partner for marriage, the wedding and post-wedding.

2nd PHASE: CHILDREN

Involving children from the womb of his mother until the age of 14 years.

3rd PHASE: YOUTH

"Youth individual aged between 15 years and before reaching 30 years".
The main focus of MYP – 8 Youth Target Groups.

4th PHASE: ADULT

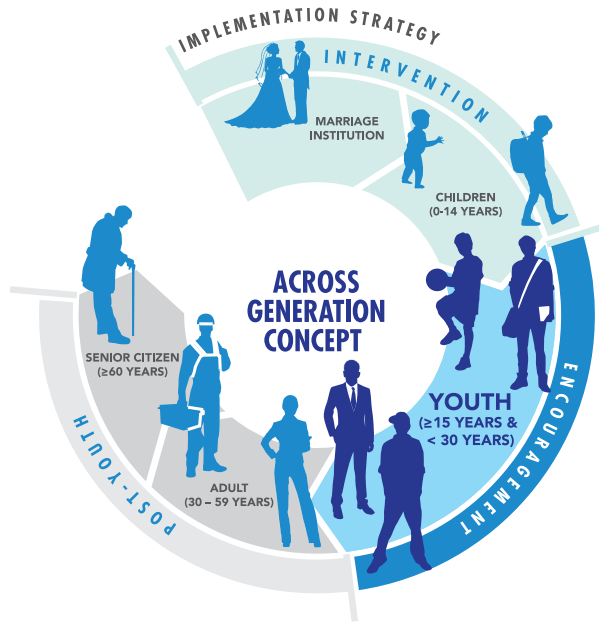
When a person reaches 30 years and before reaching the age of a senior citizen.

5th PHASE: SENIOR CITIZEN

Age 60 years and above.

4th CONCEPT: ACROSS THE IMPLEMENTERS AND GENERATIONS

ACROSS GENERATION CONCEPT



From the perspective of youth development, all efforts made during one's youth age was considered as a Encouragement Strategy. In reinforcing and highlighting the youth potential, the actions that has taken place before the youth phase is categorized as the Intervention Strategy. Meanwhile, the impact of the Encouragement Strategy implementation and intervention can be seen during the adult and senior citizen age whereby any effort to improve is termed as Post-Youth Strategy.

The MYP Across Implementers and Generations Concept is expected to have an impact on the implementation of youth development. The implementers should be prepared to:

- Accept the children as a hopeful youth of the future;
- Build the future generation of youth by youth through the intervention approach starting from selecting a partner for marriage and raising a family;
- Gather all the youth who are outside the 'system' in order to make them feel that they made a positive contribution to the country in various fields; and
- Prepare the youth to become adults and senior citizens who are always active in giving added value to the country in various sectors of life.

TOWARDS 2035

MYP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Considering that youth is a dynamic group, MYP does not provide any specific strategic plan to be executed over the implementation period. Instead, MYP serves as a guide in the formulation of MYP Implementation Strategy Plan to be in line with the planning of the five-year national development plans starting from the 11th to 14th Malaysia Plan (11MP-14MP).

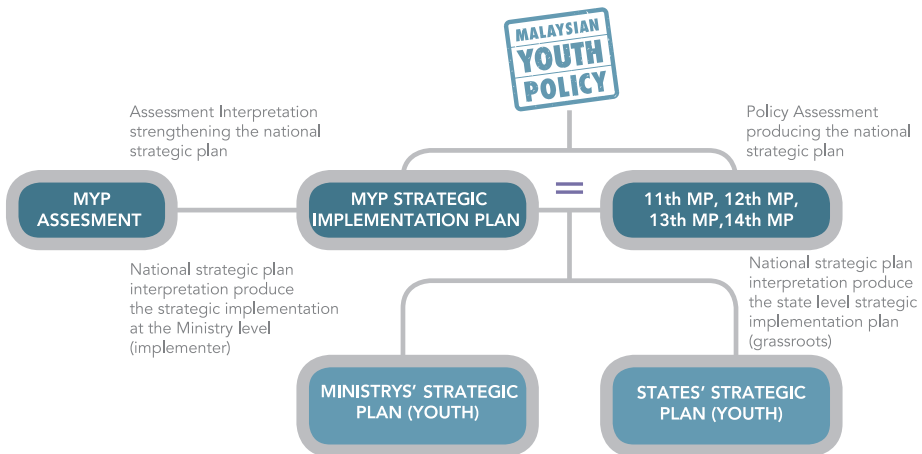
MYP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

MYP is a guide to:



2015 : Base year for the implementation of MYP Assessment Mechanism.

FRAMEWORK FOR THE MYP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

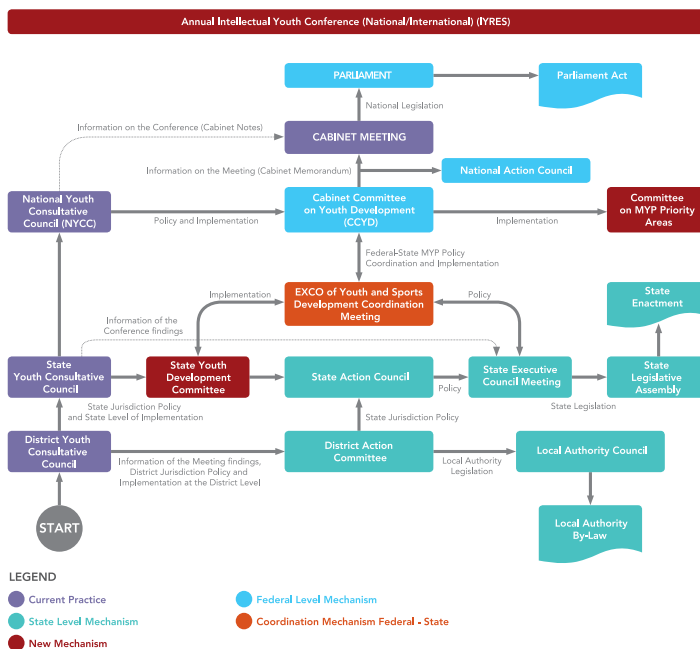


TOWARDS 2035

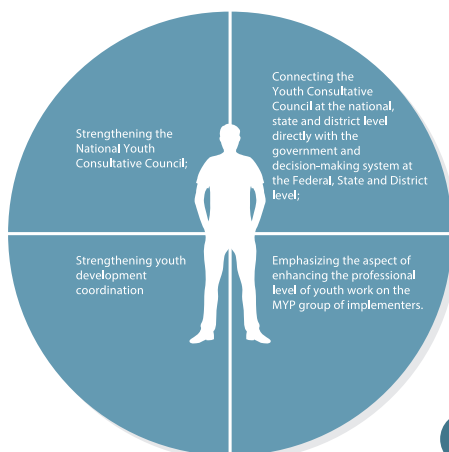
STRENGTHENING AND HIGHLIGHTING THE POTENTIAL THROUGH THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ECOSYSTEM

The Youth Empowerment Ecosystem is a critical factor in determining the success of the implementation strategy and mechanism, coordination and monitoring of MYP. Moving forward, this ecosystem will be strengthened and the potential will be highlighted so that MYP will be able to provide more venues for youth to contribute in the country's development.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ECOSYSTEM



STRENGTHENING AND HIGHLIGHTING THE POTENTIAL OF THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ECOSYSTEM



MYS STRUCTURE FOR MYP

MYS is the coordinator of youth development. MYS structure was reviewed as a whole, especially in terms of rebranding, man power and others.

MALAYSIAN YOUTH POLICY AT A GLANCE

MALAYSIAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY 1997

GOAL
Create Malaysian Youth with integrated personality

YOUTH AGE DEFINITION
15 - 40 years

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION MAIN FOCUS

- 18 - 24 years
- 4,233,200 persons

(source: Department of Statistic Malaysia, 2013)

TARGET GROUP
15 - 40 years

CONCEPT, THRUST AND PRIORITY AREA
No Statement

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
7 Main Strategies

ACTION PLAN/IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
Based on 7 Main Strategies

ASSESSMENT MECHANISM
Based on Programmes



MALAYSIAN YOUTH POLICY

GOAL
Strengthening and **highlighting** the youth human capital

YOUTH AGE DEFINITION **≥15 AND <30 YEARS**

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION MAIN FOCUS
≥15 AND <30 YEARS

9,411,600 PERSONS | **ACROSS GENERATION AND ACROSS IMPLEMENTERS**

(source: Department of Statistic Malaysia, 2013)

TARGET GROUP **8 YOUTH TARGET GROUPS**

CONCEPT, THRUST AND PRIORITY AREA
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CONCEPTS | THRUSTS | PRIORITY AREAS

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
Across **GENERATION** and across **IMPLEMENTERS**

ACTION PLAN/IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
In line with the five-year Malaysia Plan (MP) (11th MP – 14th MP). Producing details in the Strategic Plan at the Ministry and State level.

ASSESSMENT MECHANISM **6 ASSESSMENT MECHANISM**

