

Youths in Penang aspire for changes in education system

GEORGE TOWN: A future with a single stream education system and comfortable living environment were among the aspirations expressed by the young in Penang at the 2050 National Transformation (TN50) dialogue session.

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said generally the youth in Penang wanted technology integration in education as well as new changes in teaching methods and learning environment.

“Apart from education, the young people here would like to see a more sustainable environment towards a better living quality where the people’s welfare would be the yardstick of future development,” he told reporters after a TN50 dialogue session with the youth at Universiti Sains Malaysia here which was attended by more

than 3,000 people.

While lauding the youth for expressing their aspiration with great enthusiasm, Khairy said more than 84 aspirations were voiced by 47 youths at the session which also attracted the attention of other guests in the hall.

In addition, he said the TN50 Facebook Live Session for this event garnered over 100,000 views, making it the most viewed dialogue session so far.

Commenting on the single education system, Khairy said at the moment the TN50 was still at the discussion and fact-gathering stage and no decision has been made to revamp the current education policy.

“We are now only hearing the youths’ views on the education system.

“Some have urged that the existing policy be maintained while some are for single streaming.

“But the matter right now is still under consideration with the government,” said Khairy after the event.

On the motor sports safety standard operating procedures, Khairy said the ministry was prepared to offer advice on safety procedures to the racing association involved to prevent untoward incidents at race tracks.

Khairy added that the ministry would provide assistance to the family of CP150 rider Norizman Ismail who died following a crash during a practice session of round three of the 2017 Petronas AAM Malaysia Cub Prix Championship at Bandar Baru Kijal, Kemaman, Terengganu, last Friday.



Accepting ideas: Khairy (right) making a point during the TN50 dialogue session at USM. — Bernama