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### GRAND FINAL AND AWARD CEREMONY OF THE RAKAN MUDA DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 (NATIONAL LEVEL)

30 NOVEMBER 2025

1. The National-Level Grand Final and Award Ceremony of the Rakan Muda Debating Championship (RMDC) 2025 was held in Putrajaya today. Officiated by YBhg. Dato' Ts. Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarasu, Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS), the event featured more than 80 teams and over 400 outstanding young debaters who exemplified the values of dialogue, leadership, and critical thinking.
2. First established in 2024, the RMDC was created to spark meaningful conversations among school students and empower youth to engage thoughtfully with issues that shape their generation. With the theme "Shaping Tomorrow, Starting Today," RMDC 2025 serves as a national platform for young Malaysians to develop the critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills needed to become active changemakers.
3. The championship is co-organised by the Rakan Muda Development Division, National Youth and Sports Department (JBSN), KBS, together with the Malaysian Institute for Development of Professionals (MIDP) Youth Institute, one of Malaysia's leading and award-winning soft skills transformation institute.
4. In his speech, YBhg. Dato' Ts. Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarasu highlighted the importance of debate as a catalyst for empowerment and nation-building. KBS continues to believe that intellectual empowerment must be developed alongside physical, emotional and moral development. Programmes such as RMDC support the principles of Malaysia MADANI by promoting unity, integrity and wisdom through holistic youth development.

5. The annual RMDC remains as a key initiatives under the Rakan Muda mission to nurture youth who are confident, capable and socially responsible. The increase in participation compared to the 2024 edition reflects the rising interest in intellectual engagement and the growing strength of youth discourse at the national level.
6. For further information about Rakan Muda Debating Championship, please contact Mr. Mohammed Shahnaz bin Mawardi (KBS) at 019-3119947 or via email [shahnaz@kbs.gov.my](mailto:shahnaz@kbs.gov.my).

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