

Create housing scheme for graduates

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PETALING JAYA — The Budget 2017 Internet message board created by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak closed yesterday after a two day extension due to encouraging public response.

Malaysians took the opportunity to give suggestions on wide-ranging issues such as healthcare, housing, urban wellbeing, transportation and infrastructure, living cost and education.

Najib had said he would consider suggestions and could possibly include them in the national budget, which he will table in parliament on Oct 21.

Malay Mail spoke to people on the streets on their wishes and this is what some of them had to say:

“What I really want our Prime Minister to include is some sort of scheme to help youths buy a house each. The existing schemes like PR1MA is helpful but it is not enough as we have to compete with others, especially lower income families that will be given priority above us. As soon as we complete our studies, we are burdened with debts. One way or another, most of us will be off to a rocky start.”

— **Wan Atikah Wan Suhaimi, 24,**
administrative executive

“I want the maintenance of public toilets to be improved. Once I brought



friends visiting from the United Kingdom to a public washroom and they were traumatised. It is not rare to see shoe marks on the toilet seats, broken flush systems or even leaking water hoses. The floors are almost constantly wet and dirty.”

— **Elizabeth Chan, 30, writer**

“The Education Ministry should revise school syllabuses and add a new subject on global issues to broaden the minds of youth. At the same time, the younger generation will be able to keep tabs on what is going on, on national and global level from an early age. Simplify the facts and make it fun learning. Graduates who major in early childhood education can be trained to make this happen. This way, we can have a generation of children inquisitive by nature and unafraid to let their voices be heard.”

— **Muhammad Al Fadzriq Hamzah, 31, assistant communications director**