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KUALA LUMPUR: The Youth and Sports Ministry wants the government, through the Human Resources Ministry, to restructure the existing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programme to avoid duplication and wastage in its implementation.

Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh said the programme, currently carried out by various ministries, should be managed by only a single ministry.

"TVET is implemented by various

ministries that have their own programmes, causing confusion for industry players after trainees have completed their training from the point of view of employment and so on.

"There is no need for all the ministries to do their own TVET programmes because it will look unmanaged and unfocused, and there will be wastage."

She was speaking at the opening of the National Youth Consultation Council's second consultative

session at the International Youth Centre yesterday.

She said, for example, if a ministry allocates RM50 million for upgrading its TVET programme but student intake does not reach the maximum level, it will lead to manpower issues in the future, Bernama reported.

Yeoh said the Youth and Sports Ministry is ready to cooperate with the Human Resources Ministry to restructure the programme and ensure that it remains relevant to meet the demands of today's youth.

"There are many programmes that may have been popular when I was in school, but now with the gig economy, many young people want flexible working hours. Their views on TVET are also different now.

"If we still conduct programmes that do not attract attention, of course we will not be able to get the full participation of youths."

Also present at the event were her deputy Adam Adli Abdul Halim and Majlis Belia Malaysia president Mohd Izzat Afifi Abdul Hamid.