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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) programmes to avoid duplication and wastage in its implementation.

Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh said the TVET programmes should be managed by only one ministry.

“This TVET is implemented by various ministries that have their own programmes, causing confusion for industry players after they (trainees) have completed 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 as well as unfocused, and there will be wastage,” she said when opening the Second Consultative Session of the National Youth Consultation Council at the International Youth Centre here yesterday.

As an example, she said if a ministry allocated RM50 million to upgrade its TVET programme but the student intake did not reach the maximum level, it



Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh speaking at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

would lead to a waste and manpower issues in the future.

Yeoh said her ministry was ready to cooperate with the Human Resources Ministry for restructuring.

She added that TVET programmes needed to remain relevant to 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 care about flexible working hours. Their views towards TVET are now also different.

“If we still conduct programmes that do not attract attention, of course we will not be able to get the full participation of the youth,” she said.

Present were her deputy, Adam Adli Abdul Halim, and Malaysia Youth Council president Mohd Izzat Afifi Abdul Hamid. **Berna-**