

AMP youth wing names new president

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THE youth wing of the Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) has appointed Mr Muhd Shamir Abdul Rahim, 31, the managing director of an IT solutions company, as its president.

He succeeds Mr Saktiandi Supaat, 40, head of foreign exchange research at Maybank, the self-help group said in a press statement yesterday.

Mr Saktiandi was Young AMP's president for three years, and had been involved with the organisation for a decade.

Following an amendment to its Constitution last year, a maximum three-year term for each president was introduced to ensure sustained leadership opportunities within the youth wing.

In a statement to the media, he said: "It has been a wonderful and humbling experience... During my term as president, Young

AMP has undertaken a collaborative ethos in most of our activities. Young AMP also focused on enhancing its internal processes, widening its membership base as well as building our industry and professional networks."

He added that he will continue to volunteer at both AMP and Young AMP.

New president Muhd Shamir, managing director of Sypher Labs, said Young AMP's board of management will continue this collaborative approach.

"Young AMP will explore the creation of loose, 'cloud' groups, such as interest groups, industry fellowships and sub-committees, to encourage more young professionals to engage in meaningful roles that they identify with.

"Such a structure will cater to busier professionals who can still give valuable inputs as resource persons," he said.

Young AMP is currently ex-



Mr Muhd Shamir, new president of Young AMP, is the managing director of an IT solutions firm. PHOTO: AMP

ploring the relaunch of its Muslim Youth Intelligentsia Series, which was started in 2005.

Issues to be discussed during the series would include environmentalism, an area of focus for the youth wing this year. A book on the correlation between environmental awareness and Islam will be launched next month.

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