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## Tribute to Tun Razak

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PEKAN, Sun. - A downpour at Dataran Pekan last night did not deter hundreds of residents of this royal town from paying tribute to the country's second Prime Minister and Father of Development, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, at a poetry recital in remembrance of his contributions to the nation.

The event, Kembara Puisi Pahang Malam Mengenang Negarawan Ulung - Tun Abdul Razak, was participated by several poets but the spotlight was on Tun Razak's son and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who was the first to take to the stage.

His self-written poem, Setiap Kali Mentari Ogos Menerjau Kulit Bumi, touched on all four of the nation's Prime Ministers - Tengku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Tun Abdul Razak, Tun Hussein Onn and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Before reciting the poem, Najib, who is Pekan MP, admitted feeling nervous as it was his first public recital, but managed to deliver the piece with focus and confidence.

Present were his mother Tun Rahah Tan Sri Mohd Noah, his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and State officials and politicians.

Najib also announced a contribution of RM50,000 by two companies from Kuala Lumpur for the event's organiser, Penulis Muda Dewan Persuratan Melayu Pahang.

Besides Najib, other poets who took part were Berita Harian Sdn Bhd head of Literature Unit Sutung Umar R.S., Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Mansor Abdullah, Dr Ibrahim Ghafar, Amaruszati Noor Rahim, Marsli N.O., Syukri Abdullah, Nor Zailani Mohd Nuzi, Abdul Hadi Yusuf and Muhammad Hafid Mohd Azli Lee.

Kumpulan Tunas Teater from SK Seri Biram and SK Seri Terentang presented a pantomime on the life of Tun Abdul Razak.