

**Online 1Malaysia Roundtable goes live on Monday**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is looking forward to the online 1Malaysia Roundtable going live this Monday to get fresh ideas and potential solutions from the rakyat.

"I hope all of us will take this opportunity to come together and produce ideas and creative solutions. Do inform your family and friends so that we can get as many suggestions as possible," he said in his latest blog posting, "Take a seat at the 1Malaysia Roundtable".

Najib said the online 1Malaysia Roundtable would allow all Malaysians, regardless of geographic location, profession or age, to provide fair and constructive comments, suggestions or ideas to better the lives of the people.

The areas to be discussed include the economy, national unity, health, youth activity and sports.

The roundtable would be moderated by some of the most respected and celebrated individuals of the nation, Najib said.

The prime minister said that he had over the past month told his office to engage a number of Malaysians who are recognised as icons or role models in their respective fields, including a few based overseas.

Najib said these subject matter experts (SMEX) would join him in guiding participants through various discussions and in gathering ideas for review and consideration.

"These SMEX are committed to shed some light on issues, share their time and experience to help you shape your ideas, and finally present to me the key highlights of your discussion for further study or consideration for implementation," he said.

Najib said he had also scheduled a special session to meet the 1Malaysia Roundtable SMEX and would tweet more about it in due course.

**Icons and role models**

The SMEX include former national football player and pundit Serbegeth "Shebby" Singh, corporate leader Tony Fernandes, educator and creativity expert Lim Kok Wing, television personality Aznil Nawawi, actress and television personality Lisa Surihani, television and theatre personality Low Ngai Yuen and inventor of the pendrive Pua Khein Seng.

Among the others are Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations president Marimuthu Nadason, recording artistes Amy Search and Pete Teo, Malaysia Airlines chief executive officer and managing director Tengku Azmil Zahrudin Raja Abdul Aziz, social media expert David Lian, and 1Malaysia and national unity advocate Anas Zubedy.

The other subject matter experts are Institute of Strategic and International Studies CEO Mahani Zainal Abidin, Talent Corporation CEO Johan Mahmood Merican, Malaysian Nature Society president NONEMaketab Mahmood, Global Environment Centre director Faizal Parish, world number one badminton player Lee Chong Wei (right), national cyclist Azizulhasni Awang, Formula 3 race driver Jazeman Jaafar, former wushu World Champion Ho Ro Bin and national squash player Azlan Iskandar.

Najib said the roundtable concept had long been in existence and was used by members of a community to discuss issues in a respectful manner where everyone's right to speak was observed and everyone's input was valued.

He said the 1Malaysia Roundtable transformed the concept to fit a growing online community, tailored to

the needs of Malaysians.

Najib said that he wanted to experiment with the online idea for Malaysians to interact not just with him but among themselves as well.

He intended to lead a discussion in July to generate ideas from the public for the 2012 national budget, similar to what he did through his blog in preparing for the two previous budgets.

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