

New RM25mil bridge brings M'sia, Brunei closer
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The Sungai Pandaruan bridge linking Limbang in Sarawak and Temburong in Brunei, which will be built this year at the cost of RM25 million, will further strengthen the relations of both countries.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said the bridge would ease connectivity between Brunei and the two Malaysian states on Borneo island, Sabah and Sarawak.

"Brunei is keen to see the laying of foundation stone for the project as soon as possible.

"I hope that the project can take off soon," he told reporters at the end of his visit to the sultanate in conjunction with the 15th Malaysia-Brunei annual consultation in Bandar Seri Begawan.

The bridge construction was among issues agreed upon by Najib and the Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, at the annual consultation at Nurul Iman Palace last night.

The prime minister said Kuala Lumpur and Bandar Seri Begawan would also cooperate in the field of maritime, especially in areas involving traditional fishermen of both countries.

"We don't want to inconvenience fishermen of both countries," he said.

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