

Najib: Don't call Indians 'pendatang, keling'
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Prime Minister Najib Razak today said he disliked the use of derogatory terms such as "*keling*" and "*pendatang*" on the Indian community.

Officiating MIC's 70th annual general meeting today, the prime minister called for mutual respect.

"We should emulate mutual respect among one another.

"Let's not call Indians '*pendatang*', don't call Indians '*keling*'. I don't like this. Please, don't," he said.

He added the country, if united, could bring "real change ... as the people are bored with the opposition's politics".

Najib who is also BN chairperson hoped that Subramaniam could unite the Indians in the country.

As such, he said that it was imperative for MIC to solve its internal issues before the next General Election.

This he said, is because the secret to Malaysia's success all this while, has been BN's concept of power sharing and inclusive politics, which unites all races.

"If the MIC wants to protect the Indian community in the country, then the MIC must be a party that is inclusive, and unite all the Indians under its wings," said Najib.

He said that all factions in the party should sit down and talk about unity, and even if they cannot truly unite, they should at least agree to a meaningful strategic alliance so that they will all support the BN candidate in the coming national polls.

"I want to see a strong MIC, and MIC can be strong with unity and inclusivity, encompassing all the Indians in Malaysia under one roof.

Then can we be strong and one can ask anything one wants," said Najib, adding that the MIC should also reach out to Indian NGOs like Makkal Sakti.