

## **Najib: We'll review and improve wage levels in Malaysia**

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KUALA LUMPUR -- The government will put in place measures to ensure the wage structure in Malaysia commensurates with the true value of talent, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said Saturday.

"I think human talent in Malaysia has been somewhat undervalued. So, we do need to find a mechanism, that can raise wage levels in the country," he said.

This is among the measures to be taken by the government to attract the Malaysia diaspora, he said in an interview with Martin Soong in The CNBC Conversation Saturday..

He also said that the government would make some important announcements shortly in respect to the establishment of the Talent Corporation which would engage Malaysians abroad, persuading them to return home.

In term of reducing the outflow of funds, he said so far, there had been some early positive indications.

"In the first quarter this year, the wealth flow was more or less even. So, that's a good sign. Probably, there is a greater sense of confidence and clarity in terms of the direction that the country is heading," he added.

On other development, Najib said most of the government procurement now is based on an open or restricted tender.

As part of the broad measures instituted by the government in reducing corruption, he said, there is less and very much reduced direct negotiations.

He said the government will stay committed to fighting corruption which is very much a part of the national agenda and the Government Transformation Programme (GTP).

"We have strengthened the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) but we need to produce more results, convictions. It is a process, a journey, we are committed to it. We certainly will be focused on how we should go about it," Najib added— Bernama

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