

Najib: No child should be denied an education

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KUALA LUMPUR: Education funds set up to help the needy fulfil their potential and achieve success should get full support, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

He said the community needed to join hands with the Government, and teachers, to ensure that no child was left behind in the pursuit of education.

"An individual's potential to expand his or her talent should not be blocked by poverty.

"The community can help by supporting education funds," he said before launching the Umno Lembah Pantai education fund here last night.

The fund stands at RM150,000, with contributions from individuals and companies.

The Deputy Prime Minister said efforts, like that of the Umno Lembah Pantai branch, were exemplary and would go a long way in complementing the Government's objectives in the education sector.

Besides helping provide scholarships and education aid, the fund is also aimed at helping students and teachers who are victims of natural disasters.

Najib also handed out aid to 12 needy students, who will receive between RM30 and RM50 monthly for the next 10 months.