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Najib a big hit on Facebook

Prime Minister who also 'tweets' seeks suggestions from fans

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PUTRAJAYA: Despite his tight schedule, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak still manages to find time to update his Twitter and Facebook Fan Page, ensuring that his fans, friends and Netizens can keep in contact with him regularly.

An aide in the Prime Minister's office said that Najib regularly "tweets" and updates his Facebook status.

The Prime Minister has also personally asked members of his Facebook Fan Page to suggest ideas on what type of activities they can do together next year.

"He (Najib) has personally asked for suggestions via Facebook to get ideas on activities that the fans and he can do together in 2010 to roll out some programmes to communicate with his fans. He is looking forward to getting new ideas and feedback from fans," the aide told Bernama.

Currently, Najib's Facebook status states: "Dear friends, I have been taken aback by the continued interest you have shown in my updates on this page.

"As a result, I would like to interact more closely with you, so that we can learn from each other. I invite you to share with me practical suggestions for improving our interaction, whether online or events/programmes. Feel free to be as innovative as you like! I look

forward to your comments."

His fan site, which was launched on Nov 16, has been well received by Netizens and Facebook users and has reached more than 50,000 fans in just three weeks.

His latest update, which was done at midday yesterday NajibRazak wrote - "Just finished recording a special video message. Now having chicken rice for lunch."

In a space of three hours, it has received 132 comments with 156 people stating that they liked the update.

The Prime Minister also communicated his thoughts on his recent trip to Thailand: "Concluding Thailand trip today with historic joint visit to Narathiwat. Visit to include schools and a handicraft village."

As well as: "I will look forward to working with Thai PM Abhisit Vejjajiva during joint visit to the southern province of Narathiwat."

On the whole, each of Najib's updates receives some 100 to 200 comments. At times, Najib even takes time to update his thinking and activities a few times in a day, reflecting his keen interest to stay connected with his fans.

Netizens interested in knowing the Prime Minister's latest thoughts and activities can access them at 1Malaysia.com.my.



Fruitful meeting:

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (third from right) before chairing a meeting with Malaysian entrepreneurs at the Perdana Putra building in Putrajaya yesterday. With him are (from right) Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and his deputy Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir and the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Sidek Hassan. - Bernama