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# Beyond expectations

## Najib: Economy did well country out of recession

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KUCHING: The country's economic performance in the last quarter of last year was beyond expectations, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said last night.

He said this showed that Malaysia had recovered from the global recession as a result of good planning and execution.

"I will announce the full results on Wednesday. The performance was beyond our expectations," Najib, who is finance minister.

ho said at the Malaysia dinner at the state assembly building last night.

According to a Bank Negara report last November, the pace of recovery had been gathering momentum in the third quarter of 2009.

The economy registered a reduced contraction of 1.2 per cent, compared with 3.9 per cent in the second quarter amid positive growth in domestic demand and stabilisation of

said the government would continue to ensure that all policies and development projects were well planned and executed so that- the country would be able to stay ahead in terms of economic growth despite adverse conditions.

"We will continue to make sure that we have proper planning and execution.

"Believe me, we can do it. For those who have doubts, I want to say that when we announced beyond our expectations,"

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## 'What's good for Sarawak is good for Malaysia'

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the government transformation programmes with the National Key Result Areas and key performance indicators, we meant business and we will deliver. This is the promise I make."

He said if the government could deliver on its promises, it would increase the people's confidence in it.

Najib noted the good relationship between the Federal and state governments.

"As prime minister, I want to assure you that what is good for Sarawak is good for Malaysia. We have to do it together. This is the spirit.

"There is no point in doing what is good for Malaysia but bad for Sarawak, or good for Sarawak but bad for Malaysia."

On his visit to two Iban long-houses and the Simunjan bazaar earlier yesterday, Najib said he could feel the warmth, hospitality and sincerity of the people.

"From my 35 years of political experience, I feel this is a good indication of the people's feelings towards the Federal and state governments.

"Leaders can easily mingle with the people."

Present at the dinner were his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala, Sarawak ministers and community leaders.

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