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Najib: Disabled will benefit, too

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KUALA LUMPUR: The nation's agenda for development will benefit everyone in the community, including the disabled (OKU).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said policies such as the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the New Economic Model (NEM) were based on principles of social justice.

He said guided by the 1 Malaysia concept of "People First, Performance Now", the government was committed to upholding the rights and benefits of the people in a fair and just manner.

"Firstly, the needs of all groups, regardless of whether they are able, disabled or if they have special needs, will continue to be met by the government in a just manner.

"Secondly, government programmes must be inclusive to ensure that peace and stability will not be enjoyed by just a segment of society."

Najib said the government rejected the notion that only corporate members of society or those who were privileged were important as all groups needed to be taken into account.

"Finally, we have to create a system where the capabilities and potential of every Malaysian can be developed to the highest degree. These are the three principles which will guide the government's policies for the people."

Najib was speaking at the launch of the national-level Centre for Rehabilitation in Community sale carnival organised by The Welfare Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) at Stadium Titiwangsa in Taman Tasik Titiwangsa here yesterday.

Also present were the prime minister's wife and Bakti president Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, and Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

Najib said the number of children with special needs could be reduced if parents had basic knowledge of how to treat high fever.

"Many disabled or special needs children suffered from high fever when they were little. It is possible that their parents did not know that placing a cold wet cloth on the child's forehead would reduce the child's temperature.

"If parents had known this, it is possible that there would be fewer disabled or special needs children."



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak together with Barisan Nasional component party leaders at a BN convention delegates dinner last night. The dinner, which was hosted by Najib at his residence in Putrajaya, was attended by some 2,000 delegates from the 13 BN component parties. The event is a curtain raiser for the party's one-day convention today at Wisma MCA with '1 People, 1 Nation, 1 Vision' as its theme. — Picture by Afendi Mohamad