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'Hijrah' to greater heights, urges Najib

KUALA LUMPUR: Muslims nationwide have been urged to continue their "hijrah" in creating success and new innovations to provide compassion to the community.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, in his Maal Hijrah address, said yesterday Malaysia had given a huge commitment to the meaning of "hijrah" when it came to the national transformation agenda.

"Believe that Malaysia is always consistent in leading the concept of moderation and universal peace for the last five decades.

"All this while the migration of the Economic Transformation Programme and National Development Programme has proven that the philosophy of moderateness and equal distribution is a great achievement and a message for Muslims at the global level."

Najib said these achievements were not only moved by way of economic, social and political means but also saw Malaysia's profile at the world stage further enhanced.

He said if all this was taken as examples by the people, then it would also lead to an increase in the compassion received by them.

Najib said in recalling the sacred "hijrah" undertaken by Prophet Muhammad, the Maal Hijrah is a continuity and appreciation of this struggle.

Najib said the Maal Hijrah celebrations this year, themed "1 Malaysia, 1 Ummah", was in line with the spirit of the hijrah principle professed by the Prophet in creating a Muslim community based on pure values, social justice, the principle of acceptance and the celebration of plurality through diversity.

"This spirit of Hijrah is what is translated into the National Transformation Programme," he said.