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## Najib on keys to Malaysia's development

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PUTRAJAYA: Strong economic growth and equal economic distribution, along with curbing and controlling inflation are the keys for Malaysia's future development, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"We must control inflation and ensure the national inflation rate is maintained at the lowest point possible as uncontrolled inflation will put great financial burden on the people.

"Another area of focus will be ensuring a strong economic growth can be distributed equally to all levels of the society thereby creating social and economic justice for all Malaysians."

Najib, who was speaking at a special assembly for the Finance Ministry, said being a developed nation does not exempt a nation from being financially unstable.

"Even though a nation has been recognised as a developed country, this does not mean it will fall into the trap of mismanagement in economic and financial policies. Once this happen, and the nation needs to



Najib meets ministry staff after delivering his speech.

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request for international financial aid it will lose its dignity.

"This in turn will translate into causing difficulties and financial burden to the people. For example, Greece, Ireland and Portugal are facing a very difficult position now and the one who suffers are then-people," he added.

Najib, who is also finance minister, said although the nation has succeeded in achieving a 7.2% growth in 2010, the challenge now lies in ensuring that the following

years, it will be able to maintain a minimum of 6% growth per annum.

He later witnessed the handing over of the MS ISO 9001:2008 certificate to the ministry by Sirim Bhd, and proceeded to launch the Treasury Department's "Always Smile" campaign.

The ISO certificate was presented to the Treasury Department chief secretary Tan Sri Dr Wan Abdul Aziz Wan Abdullah by Sirim chief executive officer and president Datuk Yahaya Ahmad.