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PM: Leaders interested in transformation programme

CYBERJAYA: Leaders participating in the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) here have expressed their interest in Malaysia's transformation programme.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said this was proof that the government's transformation agenda, such as the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), had been acknowledged by both developed and developing countries.

A briefing on both the GTP and ETP was given by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu) chief executive officer Datuk Seri Idris Jala.

"They enquired a lot about the programmes and they also expressed their intention to send their officers here to learn from us. They have also requested for Idris to go to Africa to further explain our GTP and ETP," Najib told reporters after chairing a retreat for participating leaders yesterday.

Also present were Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili and

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Wisma Putra secretary-general Datuk Radzi Abdul Rahman.

When asked what aspects of the GTP and ETP attracted the leaders, Najib said that they were keen on the whole process, including the

National Key Result Areas and the National Key Economic Areas, setting up of Pemandu as well as monitoring the execution of such programmes.

Najib added that the leaders wanted to study these programmes in greater detail as well.

"We welcome that as it is up to them how they want to use it, in part or in whole."

On whether good governance was needed in African countries, Najib said that the leaders were in agreement that good governance was "the core" to moving forward.

However, Najib said the leaders were also aware of constraints such as the level of education, which needed to be enhanced, and also the standard of skills and knowledge.

"Societal values need to be strong for good governance to be the order of things," he said, adding that African nations could learn good governance from Malaysia.

Najib also said the leaders were "very happy" about participating in LID and hoped that the Malaysian government could contribute more to the well-being of society in their nations.