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It's been an exciting and challenging three years, says PM

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PHNOM PENH: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has described his three years in office as an exciting and challenging time and paid tribute to his Cabinet colleagues who have been supportive of him.

Najib said the country had come a long way over the past three years and the challenge for him now would be to continue with the momentum after a string of achievements.

"I am actually surprised that it has been three years. It has been both exciting and challenging but I feel gratified because the Cabinet has been supportive.

"I couldn't have done it alone. My colleagues have supported me all along the way and it's been a team effort," he said after attending the

20th Asean Summit.

Najib took office in April 3, 2009, succeeding Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The Prime Minister said that when he took office, there were many challenges following the 2008 political tsunami.

He said the people were initially sceptical and cynical of the transformation programmes that were announced, and noted that now, they were more confident and trusting of the Government.

"The rakyat believe that we can deliver and we have in fact, delivered," he said, pointing out that the macro figures looked promising with foreign direct investments recording a high in 10 years, apart from impres-

sive gross domestic product and gross national income figures.

"Even the seven national key result areas that we have set have exceeded their targets. All this indicates that we have hit a fresh momentum.

"My challenge will be to continue with the momentum because we have achieved so much in this three years.

"God willing, give us five more years and we will achieve much more," he said.

On the political challenges, Najib said the Opposition was bent on using issues, adding that instead of being constructive and finding solutions, they just wanted to prolong issues until the general election.



Warm welcome: Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor being welcomed by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and his wife Bun Rany Hun Sen at the 20th Asean Summit yesterday. — Bernama