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Malaysia can become high-income developed nation by 2018, says PM

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LONDON: Malaysia can become a high-income developed nation by 2018, two years ahead of the 2020 target, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

The Prime Minister said the country was on the right track as the government and Economic Transformation programmes were seeing significant success.

"Worldwide ranking improve-

ments have shown that Malaysia is moving up on the world ladder. The World Bank ranked us at number 12 in its Doing Business Report 2013.

"And recent surveys show that Malaysia is in line to achieve a high-income developed nation status as early as 2018.

"This is not possible without the hard work of my fellow Malaysians, be it at home or here. The Malaysian

diasporas are our assets who equally contribute to our progress at home," he said during "An Evening with the Prime Minister" event held for Malaysians based here yesterday.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, Malaysian High Commissioner to Britain Datuk Seri Zakaria Sulong and Tourism Malaysia

Ambassador Datuk Jimmy Choo.

Najib urged Malaysians, especially those living abroad, to assist by dispelling lies about the country which would help attract more foreign investments.

"Good words from you about Malaysia would be very good indeed. I am sure you have come across, on various occasions, friends and colleagues who have commented nega-

tively about Malaysia. It is your task as a Malaysian to put Malaysia back in good light.

"Your honest remarks shall put into perspective how the country is doing," he said.

Earlier, Najib and his wife met with the Friends of Barisan Nasional at a tea reception at the House of Lords and thanked them for their support.