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**PEP TALK**

... Selangor police chief Datuk Mohd Shukri Dahlan talking to a few of the young Chinese who applied to join the Royal Malaysia Police under its Chinese police constables recruitment programme at the Selangor police contingent headquarters in Shah Alam yesterday.



# GST the way forward

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**> Najib: Economic Transformation Programme must continue for nation's prosperity**

**PUTRAJAYA:** The Economic Transformation Programme being undertaken in the country must continue, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"Any indication that the process will be slowed down or reviewed will give negative signals on the economy," he told the Finance Ministry monthly gathering yesterday.

He said measures like fiscal consolidation and subsidy rationalisation, including the Goods and Services Tax, must be carried out

prudently without being too extreme and burdensome on the people.

"We must carry out these measures in order to further strengthen the country's financial position. Fundamentals such as this show the government's earnestness and political will as such global confidence, including that of international rating agencies, will be more positive towards Malaysia," said Najib, who is also Finance Minister.

He believed this was the best way to show Malaysia's capabilities to compete with other economies and to achieve moderately high economic growth.

"If there is no economic growth our burden will get heavier. Whatever we want to carry out, including fiscal consolidation, will

be very taxing without encouraging economic growth.

"That's why our commitment to attain more or less around 5% (economic growth). Last year, we recorded a Gross Domestic Product growth of 4.7% and this year, God willing, we can achieve a higher growth," he said.

Najib said the government could not always depend on policies that were popular.

"For example, the GST is very good to any economy ... We all know the way forward is via GST which can determine the country's future and prosperity.

"But, there are still groups who, to get political mileage, oppose this although it is for the good of the people.

