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When big brother is the big man himself

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KUALA LUMPUR: He has three older siblings but it seems like four-year-old Mohd Syafiq Husin may have found himself the biggest brother of all. When introduced to Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, he identified the Prime Minister as his "abang" or big brother.

The boy from the Al-Firdaus orphanage in Denai Alam met Najib when the Prime Minister was visiting the GiatMara training centre in Bandar Tun Razak, Cheras, here yesterday.

One of the programmes at the centre was an initiative to make free baju raya for underprivileged children in a joint project between GiatMara trainees and youth volunteer community, 1Malaysia For Youth (iM4U).

Najib checked the ongoing programmes and even managed to help Mohd Syafiq try on his new baju raya made under the project.

Asked who he thought Najib was, Mohd Syafiq, whose mother is suffering from bone cancer, said the Prime Minister was his "abang".

The boy, the fourth of five siblings, said he liked his new clothes very much.

Mohd Syafiq is one of 125 underprivileged and orphaned children in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur who will receive free baju raya or Raya



Geared for Raya: Najib helping four-year-old Mohd Syafiq and two-year-old Muhammad Absullah Muhammad Tamlikha try on their new baju raya made by GiatMara trainees at the community commercial centre in Bandar Tun Razak in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

clothes under the Fabrik Kasih programme.

GiatMara manager Amirudin Jamain said this was the first time such a project was being held.

"The clothes will be given to underprivileged children aged between four and 17," he said.

Amirudin said the effort was to bring about

some extra cheer to the less fortunate during Hari Raya.

iM4U chief operating officer Rudy Malik said iM4U and GiatMara would be organising a buka puasa event on July 8 with the children wearing their new outfits.

He said 55 final year GiatMara trainees were involved in making the baju raya.