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(From left) Japan's Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe**, Indonesia's President **Joko Widodo**, India's Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, Cambodia's Prime Minister **Hun Sen**, Australia's Prime Minister **Malcolm Turnbull**, Laos' Prime Minister **Thongsing Thammavong**, Chinese Premier **Li Keqiang**, Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak**, United States President **Barack Obama**, Brunei's Sultan **Hassanal Bolkiah**, Vietnam's Prime Minister **Nguyen Tan Dung**, Russia's Prime Minister **Dmitry Medvedev**, Thailand's Prime Minister **Prayuth Chan-O-Cha** and South Korean President **Park Geun-hye** posing for a photo at the East Asia Summit at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. AFP pic

## EAS eyes broader dialogue, cooperation, says Najib

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The mood of the discussions by leaders at the 10th East Asia Summit (EAS) here yesterday, which included issues such as the tensions in the South China Sea, was good but conducted in a serious manner, a top Asean diplomat said.

The meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, lasted more than two hours and was attended by leaders of Asean and its eight dialogue partners, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

Present were United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon and Asean Secretary-General Luong Minh.

Formed 10 years ago, EAS serves as a platform to facilitate discussions on strategic issues pertaining to the region.

Najib said EAS was eyeing a deeper and broader dialogue and cooperation towards enhancing political security, strategic confidence and trust in the region.

He said the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the 10th Anniversary of EAS in conjunction with the Asean-related summits was timely to build a stronger EAS.

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