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# Najib: Chinese are integral to Malaysia

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**SHAH ALAM:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the Malaysian Chinese community were far from “*pendatang*” (immigrants).

He also commended the Chinese community for their contributions to the country.

“As far as I am concerned, the Malaysian Chinese have contributed to the spectacular growth of Malaysia. You have played your part. That is why, you are not ‘*pendatang*’. You are the sons of Malaysia,” said

Najib in his speech at the 44th Gerakan National Delegates’ Conference.

Najib said that Malaysia was the only Southeast Asian country which allowed Chinese education.

That, he said, was proof that Barisan Nasional cared for the Chinese community.

“We must admit that (having) different schools with different streams is not ideal, but that is not (part of our) social contract. Our social contract allows for different

streams, and we live by it.

“During my tenure as education minister, I repealed the only instrument that could change the nature of Chinese education.

“Chinese education and schools are here to stay,” he assured.

Present yesterday were MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor and China’s Ambassador to Malaysia Dr Huang Huikang.