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# Chinese are not 'pendatang'

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**S**HAH ALAM: The Chinese in Malaysia are not "pendatang" and they have contributed to the country's development tremendously, Prime Minister

Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said yesterday.

Thanking the Chinese community for its contributions to the nation, the premier dismissed the notion that the Chinese are ungrateful immigrants.

"As far as I am concerned, the Chinese have contributed to the

spectacular growth of Malaysia," Najib said when opening the Gerakan National Delegates Conference.

"You have all played your part, and you are not 'pendatang'. You are the sons of Malaysia. You were born here, grew up here, and when you die, you will be buried or your ashes will be scattered

here. We are all Malaysians."

He then promised that action will be taken against those in the Barisan Nasional (BN) who made racially provocative statements.

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