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Najib: Pak Lah supportive, learned to let go

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is grateful for the support of Turi AbduIah Ahmad Badawi.

The Prime Minister said the former prime minister started the government-linked companies' transformation programme 10 years ago and supported him when he took over the helm.

"I would like to thank Pak Lah for initiating this programme and in retirement has learned to let go and be supportive of his successor," he said.

Najib, who became Prime Minister in 2009, was taking a swipe at former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had been criticising his leadership and calling

for his resignation.

Najib said that when he took over the premiership, the programme had already achieved considerable success.

The corporate restructuring, operational improvements and other measures taken prepared the GLCs to enter the 2008 economic crisis from a position of strength, he said.

It also enabled them to weather the ensuing volatility, helping the economy to remain stable, he said at a GLC Transformation Programme graduation ceremony and the launch of GLC Open Day 2015 yesterday.