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Co-ops can spur economy, generate wealth, says Najib

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is hopeful that co-operatives can stimulate economic activities and generate wealth.

He said cooperatives could help in adding value to the economy and be a platform to groom talents in leadership.

Citing Koperasi Profesional Putrajaya Bhd (Koprojaya) with 509 young civil servants from various

ministries, agencies and government bodies, Najib said the success of Koprojaya could be their credentials, especially in filling up senior positions.

"The cooperative's success will be a feather in your cap. I wish to see cooperatives as a platform to groom talents in leadership where one can observe them (the members) lead such entities," he said during a high-

tea function with Koprojaya yesterday evening.

Present were Chief Secretary to the Government and Koprojaya adviser Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Public Service Department director-general Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal and Koprojaya chairman Muhammad Ammir Haron.

Based on Koprojaya's 2015 annual report, the cooperative's net profit

rose from RM67,000 in 2014 to RM774,000 this year.

Najib, who is also Koprojaya patron, said cooperatives could be useful financial resources for those who wished to buy their first cars and houses.

He presented appreciation letters to 55 Koprojaya members who had displayed a high level of commitment through volunteer work to car-

ry out cooperative activities since its formation on Jan 14, 2013. Najib commended Koprojaya for carrying out programmes although it was new to the field.

He said strong teamwork and team-building could be achieved when cooperative members came together to carry out activities. **Report by Azura Abas and Fairuz Mohd Shahar**