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Najib: CNY a new start for nation

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PROSPERITY PLEDGE: Government will boost services to fulfil Malaysia promise of unity and harmony, says prime minister

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THE government will continue to enhance the efficiency and integrity of its services to assist all communities, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

The government, he said, would serve the Malaysia commitment of a united nation, as the country approached Vision 2020.

"Despite the challenges of last year, Chinese New Year represents a new beginning for Malaysia.

"May the year of the peace-loving goat bring our home continued harmony and strength in unity.

"And may the Year of the Goat also bring each of you happiness, prosperity and good health," Najib said in his Chinese New Year message



yesterday on his Facebook page and his blog, NajibRazak.com.

He said the Lunar New Year was one of country's biggest celebrations, signifying the turn of the Chinese calendar and the beginning of a new chapter in life.

"It is the time when family and friends come together in celebration and in gratitude, to appreciate the old and embrace the new. Today, we are all guests, welcomed into the homes of our Chinese neighbours, in the true spirit of Malaysia, to experience the rich traditions of the Chinese culture."

Najib said he and his family appreciated the hospitality of Chinese Malaysians, particularly at this time of year.

"To visitors who are joining us this festive season, welcome. Wherever you might find yourself in our

beautiful country, I hope the distinct sights, sounds, smells and tastes of our revelry will inspire you."

"Those of you who will be returning home for Chinese New Year and the holidays, be careful on the roads, so that you arrive safely at your destinations," he said.

Najib said Chinese New Year also reminded us of the diversity that made Malaysia extraordinary.

"The fabric of our nation has been woven by the various ethnicities, languages and faiths that complete Malaysia. It is this diversity that we celebrate, cherish and protect.

"I would like to wish all Chinese Malaysians and everyone celebrating around the world, a Happy New Year."

In a tweet yesterday, Najib advised road users to drive carefully to their destinations.