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Let's get the ball rolling for golf in M'sia, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: Golf should be made a sport for all Malaysians and not just for the elite few, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said he would like to see golf as a people's sport.

"I am told that in Kedah, even sons of fishermen are playing golf today," he said at the close of the Maybank Malaysian Open 2015 at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club here yesterday.

"I hope we will see Malaysians emerge in the future as top players in Asia and even the world," he added.

Najib commended the Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) for introducing the sport to 11 schools.

"I have given RM2mil to MGA to promote golf at the school level, and I am willing to contribute more in the future," he said.

Najib also congratulated this year's Maybank Malaysian Open winner Anirban Lahiri for taking home the title.



Avid fan: Najib watching the action unfold at the Maybank Malaysian Open at KLGCC. — Bernama

"You are definitely a worthy winner. You made it an exciting event," he said.

He added that being from India, Lahiri would provide an impetus for

golf in Asia.

Najib also applauded 2010 US Open Winner Graeme McDowell, who was among the 156 participants, for contributing RM50,000

to the victims of the recent floods in Malaysia.

"We would like to thank him for his generous contribution," said Najib.