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Major change: Najib (centre) checking out the Bus Rapid Transit with Liow (third from left) and Cheah (right) joining him for the ride.

Within reach of world-class public transport system

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Asia-Pacific region must promote moderation, tolerance and peace as its hallmarks, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"The fight against extremism must be waged in the mind, articulated in speech, and amplified in cyberspace so that the battle zones of today do not become breeding grounds for misguided ideologies to be exported abroad," the Prime Minister said when opening the 29th Asia-Pacific Roundtable here yesterday.

More than 300 speakers and participants are taking part in the three-day event organised by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia and Asean-tSIS.

In his speech Najib also touched on the plight of Rohingya migrants, saying that the issue should be resolved at the Asean level with help from other countries as needed.

However, he noted that the people smuggling trade could only be defeated if the countries worked in coordination with each other.

At another function yesterday, Najib said

having a world-class public transport system that is reliable and convenient is within reach for Malaysia.

However, in order for the public to enjoy an efficient transport service, there is one weakness that needs urgent address - the issue of connectivity and integration.

"The public transport system in the Klang Valley is undergoing major changes that will boost its efficiency.

"At the same time, it is crucial to ensure that all the transport systems are integrated," said Najib when launching the Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) service.

Also present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala, Prasarana Malaysia Berhad chairman Tan Sri Ismail Adam and Sunway group founder and chairman Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah.

Najib also commended the BRT-Sunway Line as a successful collaboration between the public and private sector, namely Prasarana and Sunway.