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## There is continuity in all Malaysia Plans, says Najib

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KUALA LUMPUR: Claims that policies in each Malaysia Plan is disconnected from the other are not true, said the Prime Minister.

He said there was much to be proud of in the successes.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said in the past 50 years, successive Alliance and Barisan Nasional governments had carefully planned the country's development and pro-

gress to ensure continuity and consistency.

Among the top 10 achievements of the Malaysia Plans are:

- > Increase in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from RM71.1bil in 1970 to RM1.1tril last year;

- > Economic growth that is among the highest in Asia with an average of 6.2% a year for the past five decades;

- > Moving from an economy dominated by agriculture - 31.8% of the GDP in 1970 - to one centred on manufacturing and services, making up 76.5% of the GDP;

- > More than 20-fold increase in average household income from RM264 monthly in 1970 to RM6,411 monthly last year, with the monthly median income jumping to RM4,585 from RM166;

- > 76.1% of households under the 10th Malaysia Plan have their own homes while among the poor, the percentage is 75.3%;

- > 95.1% of the country's population has access to clean water while 97.6% enjoys electricity supply;

- > Almost all Malaysians - 98% - can read and write, an increase from 75% in 1970;

- > 27% of the labour force now has

tertiary education, four times more than that of 6% in 1980 at the end of the Third Malaysia Plan;

- > Unemployment rate has dropped from 7.4% in 1970 to only 2.9% last year;

- > Ten-fold increase in bumiputra corporate equity from 2.4% in 1970 to 23.5% last year; and

- > Poverty rate has declined from 49.3% in 1970 to only 0.6% last year.