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Najib meets captains of industry to discuss economy

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PM describes the Business Leaders Dialogue as timely to overcome the current global economic challenges in Malaysia

PRIME Minister (PM) Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak held a high-profile business dialogue with 30 prominent CEOs in Putrajaya yesterday to discuss the current economy situation.

Najib, who is also finance minister, described the Business Leaders Dialogue as timely to seek views to overcome the current global economic challenges in Malaysia.

The dialogue, among others, was to discuss immediate measures to restore confi-

dence and stabilise the nation's economy, he said.

Among those present were AirAsia Group CEO Tan Sri Dr Tony Fernandes, Telekom Malaysia Group CEO Tan Sri Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa, Public Bank Bhd MD Tan Sri Tay Ah Lek and CIMB Group Holdings Bhd group CEO Tengku Datuk Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and Malaysia Airports Holding Bhd MD Datuk Badlisham Ghazali.

Also present were Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar, Securities Commission Malaysia chairman Datuk Ranjit Ajit Singh and TalentCorp CEO Johan Mahmood Merican.

"I am looking forward to hear from you on how to work together with the public and private sectors to strengthen our economy. Most certainly, it is the most serious consideration by the government," Najib said before chairing the dialogue session at Perdana Putra in Putrajaya.

Najib was hopeful that the dialogue will give the country a fresh momentum to move forward.

"Not only what we can do immediately, but also for the forthcoming budget that will be presented next month, Oct 23," he said.

Najib said the pro-active economic measures, which were unveiled on Monday, were based on the recommendations by the Special Eco-

nomi Committee and were well-received by the market in a very positive way.

Meanwhile, a statement from TalentCorp said the Business Leaders Dialogue would also discuss the TalentCorp-PwC Diversity in the Workplace 2015 Survey.

The survey showed listed companies in the financial services and fast-moving consumers goods sectors had achieved the government's 30% of women in top management.

It said 31% of listed companies surveyed had no women board member, 19% had no women in top management, 24% had no ethnic diversity in top management and 31% had no board members below the age of 50 years old. — *Bernama*