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Najib meets captains of industry

Business leaders and PM discuss strategies to strengthen economic situation

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak held a high-profile business dialogue with 30 prominent chief executive officers here to discuss the current economic 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 confidence and stabilise the nation's economy, he said.

Among those present were AirAsia Group CEO Tan Sri Tony Fernandes, Telekom Malaysia Group CEO Tan Sri Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa, Public Bank managing director Tan Sri Tay Ah Lek and CIMB Group Holdings Bhd group chief executive Tengku Datuk Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and Malaysia Airports Holding Bhd managing director 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 hearing 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," said Najib before chairing the dialogue at Perdana Putra here yesterday.

Najib was hopeful it would give the country a fresh momentum to move forward.

"It is not only what we can do immediately, but also for the forthcoming Budget that will be presented on Oct 23," he added.

He said the proactive economic measures, which were unveiled last Monday, were based on the recommendations by the Special Economic Committee and were received by the market in a positive way.



Meeting of minds: Najib chairing the business dialogue with 30 prominent chief executive officers at the Perdana Putra building in Putrajaya. — Bernama

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 com-

panies 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. — Bernama