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# Boost investments, says PM

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**VISIT TO GERMAN STATE:** Genting has acquired 3 shipyards for RM1.73 billion

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday visited the northern German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, where Malaysia's Genting Group plans to build the world's biggest cruise ship.

The leisure and gaming group recently bought three Russian-owned,

Germany-based shipyards in the state for €375 million (RM1.73 billion) and plans to raise its investments to one billion euros.

Najib, making his first official visit to Germany, flew in from Berlin to the state capital here. He was given a red-carpet welcome by the state's minister-president, Erwin Sellering, at the state chancellery.

He signed the "Golden Book" before attending a closed-door meeting with Sellering.

Najib was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed and Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong.

Emerging from the 30-minute meeting, Najib said he looked forward to more investments by Genting and other possible investments by Malaysian companies in the state and vice-versa.

"This is the state that has undergone a successful transformation since the (German) reunification 26 years ago," he said.

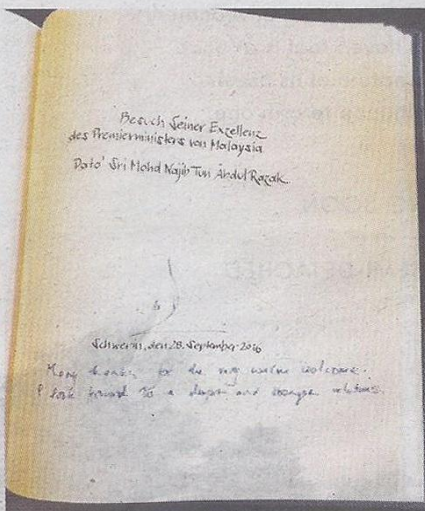
"They have achieved, for example, a reduction in unemployment from 30 per cent to nine per cent," he said, adding that it had a strong maritime industry.

He said economic cooperation, however, should go beyond the maritime industry.

He said Genting was also building a six-star riverine

cruise ship.

"It will lead to more investments and jobs," he said.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's message in the 'Golden Book' during his visit to Schwerin yesterday.

## Shipyards : Overview



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### WISMAR

- Shipyard area: 560,000m<sup>2</sup>
- (170,000m<sup>2</sup> roof-covered)
- Dry dock: length 340m x width 67m x height 72m
- Crane capacity: up to 1,000t
- Steel throughput (around 60,000t per year)
- Compact shipyard with optimised production workflow
- Weather-independent production and assembly process



### ROSTOCK

- Shipyard area: 850,000m<sup>2</sup>
- (85,000m<sup>2</sup> roof-covered)
- Dry dock: length 320m x width 54m x height 80m
- Crane capacity: 600t
- Steel throughput (up to around 55,000t per year)
- Special dry dock assembly procedures for large-scale offshore projects



### STRALSUND

- Shipyard area: 340,000m<sup>2</sup>
- (90,000m<sup>2</sup> roof-covered)
- Shipbuilding hall: length 300m x width 108m x height 74m
- Ship lift: length 270m x width 34.5m with net lifting capacity of 25,000t
- Crane capacity: up to 800t
- Steel throughput p.a.: up to around 60,000t

