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# Najib thanks Saudi royal family for continuous support

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has extended his gratitude to the Saudi royal family for its continuous support to Malaysia over the years.

"I would like to personally thank the Saudi royal family for their support over many decades.

"We will always appreciate it and we will never forget it. From the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Abdullah, and his predecessors, we in Malaysia have been so fortunate to have trusted friends," Najib said in a Facebook post yesterday.

Najib hoped the Jeddah Economic Forum that he had attended earlier and his visit to Saudi Arabia would

be one of the many ways to boost the friendship between both nations in the spirit of moderation and cooperation.

In another post, he said the "Outstanding Statesman Award" given to the second prime minister, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, at the Utusan Business Awards was in honour of his father's contributions and service to the country.

Najib said he was grateful to Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Mulzuddin Shah for presenting the award to his mother, Tun Rahah Mohammad Noah, on Tuesday.

"This award to recognise my father's contributions as the architect of the country's development dur-

ing his time of service is significant, especially for my family and I."

Najib also congratulated students who obtained excellent results in last year's Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) examination.

"After this, there will be STPM leavers who will pursue their higher education at universities, colleges and so on, and there are some who will enter the employment world," he added.

Najib said regardless of their chosen field of endeavour, they must do it vigorously to achieve success.

The national cumulative grade point average for STPM last year rose to 2.65 from 2.62 in 2014.