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Traditional practitioners back PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: Five traditional and complementary medicine associations will send a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to show their commitment and support.

Malaysian Malay Traditional and Complementary Medicine Association chairman Mohd Adzhar Abd Latif said the memorandum was the brain-child of several traditional and complementary medicine practitioners who championed the government and Najib's leadership.

"As medical practitioners, we hold on to the principle of being faithful; faithful to teachers, as well as leaders. We have to support the leaders

that we have chosen to govern this country."

Adzhar said besides extending their support to Najib, the group would suggest, in the memorandum, how the government could help the traditional and complementary medicine industry to receive better recognition.

He said the industry hoped for the recently passed Traditional And Complementary Medicine Act 2016 to be enforced soon.

Adzhar said the industry needed

more attention and allocation for it to grow and remain relevant.

He was speaking at the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Associations Coalition Solidarity Towards the Prime Minister event here yesterday.

Adzhar said to date, there were more than 30,000 traditional and complementary medicine practitioners actively practising and offering their services to the public in the country.

He said the government had shown its support for the in-



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dustry by including healing methods in 14 integrated hospitals to complement mainstream medical practices.

"We believe that under Najib's leadership, the traditional and complementary medicine field will be a focus in the national transformation programme."

Present were representatives from the Malaysian Association of Traditional Indian Medicine, Malaysia Federation of Complementary and Natural Medical Associations, Malaysia Federation of Chinese Physicians and Medicine-Dealers Associations and the Malaysian Chinese Medical Association.