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Pan Borneo Highway to have greatest impact on Sabah: Najib

PAPAR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak yesterday said the Pan Borneo Highway Sabah (PBHS) project would have the highest impact on Sabah and bring the state to a higher level of socio-economic development.

“Yes, we have many projects in Sabah such as Sipitang Oil & Gas Industrial Park (SOGIP), Sabah Oil & Gas Terminal (SOGT), Lahad Datu Palm Oil Industrial Cluster (POIC) and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

“We have constructed rural roads, implemented electricity and water projects, built public housing and many more since Sabah became part of Malaysia.

“Of all these, the Pan Borneo Highway Sabah project is the one with the most impact,” he said at the launch of PBHS project in Kampung Andus, Papar attended by over 20,000 people.

Also present were Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan, Works Minister Datuk Seri



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Fadillah Yusof, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak, federal and state ministers.

Najib said PBHS would have high impact on Sabah and its people because the development would be in the form of a

quantum leap, unlike other projects.

The launch of PBHS also proved the commitment of Barisan Nasional (BN) in delivering its 2013 general election manifesto to implement the project within five years.

PBHS covers 2,300km from Semantan in Sarawak to Serudong in Sabah.

Najib also regarded the highway project “the real game changer for Sabah” because it comprised a four-lane highway network starting from Sindumin to Tuaran, Kudat, Ranau, Lahad Datu, Tawau and then Tawau to Komanis and Kota Kinabalu.

He said despite having less income, following the fall in oil prices in the international market, the first phase of the non-toll highway, costing RM12.86 billion and expected to be completed by 2021, was continued to enable rapid development of Sabah.