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PM: All will be treated equally

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This is the foundation and essence of our country, says Najib

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SHAH ALAM: All Malaysians will be treated equitably and given the necessary help to better their lives, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"You can rest assured that the Government which I lead is a government that will be fair to all Malaysians.

"This is the foundation and essence of our country," he said at

the fifth anniversary celebration of the Malaysian Chinese Women Entrepreneurs Foundation (MCWEF) here yesterday.

He said that for the nation to reach greater heights and attain success, all Malaysians must work hand in hand.

Najib praised MCWEF for having helped 2,300 Chinese women set up business since its inception and managing the government allocation which was given out as loans.

Recalling the time when MCWEF founder Tan Sri Lim Soon Peng

brought the proposal of setting up the foundation to him, Najib said: "Tan Sri Lee said if a foundation is set up, he can guarantee that Chinese women who take the loans will repay them."

Najib announced that the MCWEF loans would be increased from the maximum RM20,000 to RM30,000 and the repayment interest rate would be reduced from 5% to 4%.

At a separate event in Kuala Langat, Najib said Barisan Nasional would win back Selangor at the 14th general election if Umno mem-

bers were united, with no internal split in its ranks.

He said the biggest lesson from the loss of Selangor at the 12th general election and from the win in the Sungai Besar by-election was the importance of unity, especially at the grassroots level.

"A clear factor is that if an internal split happens at the division level of Umno, we will lose in the election," he said at the concurrent launch of the AGMs for Umno divisions in Selangor.

Najib urged Umno members who

had disagreements over certain matters not to reject the party and try to set up splinter parties.

"If we don't agree, use internal party processes (to air grievances). Don't leave the party and smear it, badmouth the country or act in cahoots with foreigners, because this is our country and we are the ones to decide who is fit to lead it," said the Prime Minister.

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