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Datuk Seri Najib Razak being greeted upon arrival at **Dataran Sri Angkasa Jaya** in Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. **Bernama** pic

Najib's visit brings cheer to KL traders

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KUALA LUMPUR: A surprise visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak brought good news to traders at Dataran Sri Angkasa Jaya in Lembah Pantai here, as he told them he has instructed Kuala Lumpur City Hall to redevelop the food court.

He said City Hall would hold discussions with the traders' association soon to come up with a redevelopment plan.

"Alhamdulillah (Thanks be to God) that I could make a visit and see the food court for myself and hear the grievances of the traders here. Their complaints as to why their businesses are not doing as well as they would like are justified.

"They can earn much higher incomes if the food court is redeveloped with various features, such as a multi-tier parking lot," he told pressmen from Bernama, RTM and TV3, who covered the visit.

Najib, who arrived at 5.30pm yesterday, was met by Lembah Pantai Umno chief Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin, who accompanied the prime minister on his walkabout.

He inquired about their welfare, and shook hands and posed for photographs with the business community before leaving about 30 minutes later.

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Hawkers Association chairman Abu Seman Alias said the development plan was much awaited by the traders, as it would serve to boost their income and solve the parking problems in the area.

"We believe the redevelopment plan will boost the income of the hawker community here, and give us a chance to work and relax in a more comfortable facility.

"The local community will surely reap its benefits," he said.

The food court was opened in 2008 and houses 88 shops, but only 20 are currently operational because of accessibility and parking issues.

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