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PM: Let's do more with less

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TIP: Innovation can help nation deliver services with limited resources

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday threw a challenge to all, including the public sector, to come up with ways one could do more with less.

He said this in view of the challenging climate that required everyone, including the government, to deliver services effectively with limited resources.

"Of course, many will not be happy, but resources are finite and things become more challenging when the price of oil crashes.

"Instead of pointing fingers and finding faults, it should be a challenge to us how we can do more with less.

"I believe we can do this through innovation, which should be part of our culture," he said at the presentation of the Prime Minister's Innovation Awards (AIPM) and the Public Sector Innovation Awards



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** presenting an AIPM award to Malacca Chief Minister **Datuk Seri Idris Haron** in Putrajaya yesterday. With them are Minister in the Prime Minister's Department **Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun** (third from right), Chief Secretary to the Government **Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa** (second from left), Public Service Department director-general **Tan Sri Zabidi Zainal** (right) and Treasury secretary-general **Tan Sri Irwan Serigar Abdullah**. Pic by Mohd Fadli Hamzah

(AISA) 2016. Present was Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa.

The prime minister also warned of the danger of not adopting innovation and creativity as it could result in a country, a company or an organisation losing out and being left behind.

Najib said he had set a target for Malaysia to become a RM2 trillion economy in eight years and to be among the top 20 economies in the long run.

"There are several criteria to achieve these two targets, which I will reveal later.

"For tonight, I can say that one of the criteria is innovation and creativity. We will use an innovation and creativity index to guide us and determine how far we are as a nation to transform ourselves into a top 20 economy," he said.

Later, Najib presented the main AIPM awards to the Malacca government, which won first place for introducing a new dimension to

city planning by branding tourist attractions, and conserving its unique culture and heritage in line with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's recognition of Malacca city as a world heritage site.

The Malacca government walked away with a cash prize of RM1 million, a trophy and a certificate.

The Social Security Organisation won second place and the Malaysian Armed Forces won third place.