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> Nation facing a world constantly being reinvented, says Najib

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KUALA LUMPUR: No organisation or institution is immune from the waves of change, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

He said the nation is facing a world that is in the process of constantly being reinvented.

“We need to harness the immense potential of human ingenuity through imagination and enterprise.

“The entrepreneur imagines a different world, and has the vision to solve problems others think are too big.”

Najib said the country has had notable success with two well-known applications – the Grab e-hailing application, and the Biji-Biji initiative, a social enterprise on developing products from recycled items.

“The government has set to work in creating an entrepreneurship development ecosystem with over 150 entrepreneurship development programmes being implemented by 15 ministries and 60 agencies across all target groups,” he

said in his speech at the opening of the Global Entrepreneurship Community (GEC) and Malaysia Commercialisation Year summit.

Najib also announced two strategic initiatives designed to support each other in creating entrepreneurs who will have transformative effects on their various sectors and communities.

He said the first is the “Global Accelerator Programme” to support the nine clusters in the GEC in building the next generation of entrepreneurs and the second is the “Asean Impact Challenge,” aimed at harnessing global talents to solve problems that affect the Asean community.

At a press conference later, Finance Ministry Secretary-General Tan Sri Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah said Najib had brought up various issues during a closed-door session with top international and local technological entrepreneurs.

He said there must be a change of mindset in all sectors, government and private, to make it easy for creative entrepreneurs to succeed.



Najib visiting an exhibition booth during the Global Entrepreneurship Community and Malaysia Commercialisation Year summit at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday.