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Najib: Cut down on expenses

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak reminds ministers to be more conscientious in regard to expenditure in the course of working visits and attending official events.

In a post on his blog yesterday, he said he had, in the past few years, attended many official events and working visits around the country, and has received overwhelming response from the public.

However, Najib added, there were several things in regard to the official events and working visits that could be enhanced.

“Alhamdulillah, I can see that the rakyat welcomes these approaches because they get the attention that they need and could have their problems attended to as soon as possible,” he said.

Najib said he had, on Jan 6, during the first cabinet meeting of the year, reminded the ministers to spend prudently.

“I wish to add that this involves expenditure for the ministers and my working visits and official events.

“From my observations during past working visits, there are some things we can avoid or reduce to cut down on expenditure,” he said.

Despite being grateful for the preparations at his events, Najib however, stressed that the reason behind every working visit he attended were for him to be on the ground with the public, listening to their problems and looking for solutions.

“I am grateful for all the preparations, and I understand that there are protocols that need to be followed, but there are some parts (of the preparations) that we can reduce, such as the red carpets, special dishes and so on.

“Our main focus is the people, not protocol,” he said.