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DPM to launch coffee-table book on PM

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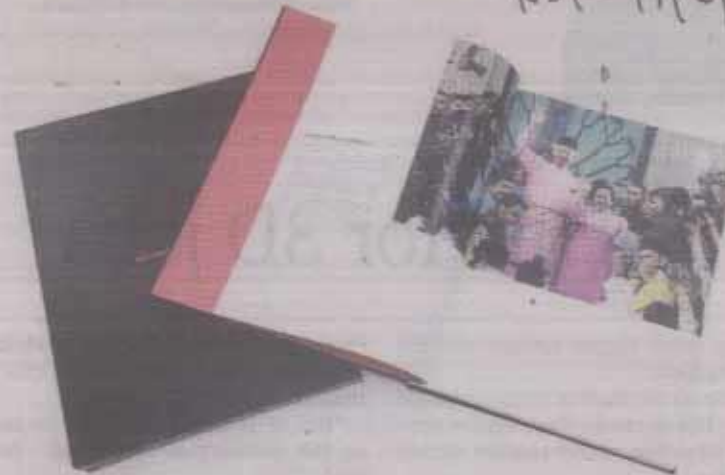
KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi will launch a coffee-table book titled *Najib Razak 40 Years 40 Pictures* here today in conjunction with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's 40th year in politics.

The pictorial book chronicles Najib's 40-year journey in politics, from a young 22-year-old Pekan member of parliament to today, where he sits as the premier since April 2009.

Published by the New Straits Times Press (M) Berhad (NSTP), the 112-page coffee-table book was edited by its group managing editor, Datuk Abdul Jalil Hamid.

Jalil, in his foreword, said the pictorial book was published not only to commemorate Najib's 40-year political journey, but also to chart the progress of the nation.

"*Najib Razak 40 Year 40 Pictures*, tells the journey of young Najib who, fresh from studying in the United Kingdom, was plunged into national politics as the nation mourned the loss of his father and a respected statesman, to the man he is today.



'Najib Razak 40 Years 40 Pictures' is published by the New Straits Times Press.

"The coffee-table book attempts to capture Najib in his element and more. The goal is simple: to remind Malaysians of Najib's invaluable contributions as a consummate politician over the past 40 years, plus his role as a visionary and a true reformer of today," he wrote.

Jalil said the authors of the book selected 40 of the best photographs

that captured the sixth prime minister's definitive moments in the 40 years of his political life that he has devoted to the nation and the people.

"Some of the photographs featured are either rare or have previously been unpublished."

Each photograph is accompanied by a quotation from Najib, as well as

a brief description of the image. The book also features Datuk Mohd Nor Khalid's (better known as Lat) cartoons on Najib and his contributions to the nation. The book is published with support from the Prime Minister's Office.

The sponsors include the Prime Minister's Department, Pahang government, Tenaga Nasional Berhad, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, YTL Corporation Berhad and Permodalan Nasional Berhad.

The coffee-table book that features Najib's image on the cover will be officially launched at Level 2, KL Sentral at 3.30pm today.

More than 300 guests are expected to attend the ceremony. Ministers, deputy ministers, officials and representatives from the Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Prime Minister's Office, ambassadors, foreign dignitaries, leaders and representatives of non-governmental organisations, corporate leaders, and NSTP and Media Prima Bhd senior management will be present.

Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad is co-organising the event,