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# PM: Continue investment, trade efforts

**TPP:** Najib thanks International Trade and Industry Ministry for success in trade talks

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak wants the International Trade and Industry Ministry to continue bolstering trade and investments.

Najib told its minister, Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, to continue attracting foreign investors, especially after the success of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement.

He thanked and congratulated Mustapa and the ministry's staff for defending Malaysia's interests in the TPP.

Signed on Feb 4 in Auckland by 12 countries, including Malaysia, the TPP is set to expand markets, reduce tariffs and promote freer trade.

"I am looking for more success in the future. When we were faced with the TPP, it was challenging.

"But I thank Tok Pa (Mustapa) for his continued engagement with



**Datuk Seri Najib Razak** inspecting a model of the Malaysian International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Jalan Dutra, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. With him is International Trade and Industry Minister **Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed** (second from right). Pic by Yazit Razali

citizens. And when we signed the TPP, we did it on our terms," Najib said during a brief speech at the opening of the new Menara Miti here yesterday.

He said the ministry was tasked with ensuring continuous macroeconomic development and inflows of investment into the country, as well as spurring Malaysia's exports,

particularly from the private sector.

It was also responsible for ensuring that small and medium enterprises continued to grow and position Malaysia as a trade hub.

Najib said the new building was not an expenditure but an investment, as it stood as the first point of reference for foreign investors.

The tower would provide an added attraction for multinational companies to invest in the country, he added.

"This new building, worth RM340 million, with 31 floors and covering a 3ha area, will give a positive impression on chief executive officers of multinational companies during their visits."