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PM: We need a strong partnership

Federal and Sarawak govts must be on same page to bring growth, says Najib

KUCHING: A strong partnership between the Sarawak and Federal governments is needed in order to see through plans to bring more development to the state, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said while the Federal Government had many ideas and was capable of implementing them, success depended on its ties with the state government.

"If there is no partnership, we cannot achieve success, because some things are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government while other matters fall within the power of the state government.

"But if we are on the same team then everything can be managed easily and smoothly," he said in his speech at an event to mark the symbolic distribution of tablet computers to 42,000 teachers.

Najib said human capital development, physical infrastructure and connectivity which includes

access to the Internet and high speed broadband, were important to develop Sarawak.

"As the *Apai Besai* (number one leader) of Malaysia, I don't feel bored (*jelak*) visiting Sarawak, which is very close to my heart," he said.

Najib announced in his speech that all teachers in the country would be supplied with tablet computers to help them in classroom teaching activities.

The project will start in Sarawak with the distribution of the tablets.

"This is the first state. All teachers in primary and secondary schools and all teachers who are serving under the Education office at district and state level will receive this tablet.

"After Sarawak, we will shift to other states in due course on a staggered basis," he added.

Najib hoped the move would improve the quality of teaching and

learning in the classroom.

The tablets are preloaded with an online learning and e-paper software of a Bahasa Malaysia daily.

Later in Lubok Antu, Najib said he hoped his visit to the Engkilili constituency would bring good luck for Barisan in defending this seat.

He said he had visited the constituency two days before the previous Sarawak election in 2011.

"Coincidentally, I am here for the second time also two days before polling day and I hope it is a good sign that the Barisan candidate (for Engkilili) Dr Johnichal Rayong Ngipa will win with a bigger majority this time," he said when meeting the folks at the Rumah Panjang Christopher Ningkan in Pais, Skrang.



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