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Unite and support Govt in fight to eradicate poverty, says Najib

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KUALA NERUS: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak urged Malaysians to unite and fully support the Federal government in its effort to eradicate poverty.

The newly-launched Akuapolitan Project is an example – it will see the income of fishermen increase to some RM5,000 by 2020.

This is a pilot project among the Federal and state government as well as the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC).

“We are a government that is not afraid of trying out new projects. These projects are for the people.

“The bottom line is that we are doing it for the people so that they can come out of poverty,” he said in his speech at the launch of the Akuapolitan project here yesterday.

As a start, over 400 fishermen and their families will join the programme.

“The Akuapolitan project can be seen as ‘Sea Felda’, a scheme that is similar to Felda but specifically tailored for the fishing community.



Warm welcome: Najib (third from right) waving to people in more than 200 fishing boats after the launch of the Akuapolitan project in Seberang Takir.

“A more integrated approach is needed in both the fisheries and non-fisheries value chain to ensure a truly effective transformation,” he said.

Najib added that the project would create a sustainable fisheries ecosystem that includes a fisheries terminal; fish processing centre, fresh fish market and restaurants

which will benefit not just the local community but attract even more investments into the fishing and tourism sectors.

“The Federal Government is able to embark on such mega projects due to the political stability, unity and the confidence of the people towards the government.

“We have shown the world that we are able to succeed where many have failed.

“This is all due to unity and trust,” he said.

Najib stressed that the people did not need a Citizen’s Declaration where most of the gatherings did not attract many citizens.

“Here itself we have managed to gather more than 30,000 people.

“This shows that the people have trust for the Government. This comes with hard work and proper management. It is not a mere slogan when we say that we care for the people,” he said.

Those attending the Akuapolitan launch included Terengganu Menteri Besar Ahmad Razif Abd Rahman, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh and ECERDC chief executive officer Datuk Seri Jebasingam Issace John.