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'I'm doing it for the people'

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'CLEAR CONSCIENCE': Investments vital to ensure economy grows robustly, says PM

BEIJING

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said foreign direct investment (FDI) is important for the economic growth of the country.

He said the foreigners who had invested in the country would not be able to bring back to their own country the infrastructure they had built

in Malaysia.

Thus, those who said the government was selling Malaysia to China were talking "utter rubbish due to jealousy or out of spite", he told the Malaysian diaspora and students at a dinner here on Friday.

"My conscience is clear. I am doing it for Malaysia and the rakyat in ensuring that the country's economy is at a high level," he said.

Najib, who is also finance minister, said he had strived to get FDI to create high-paying jobs and better prospects for Malaysians.

"If the economy did not grow, then Malaysians would have a problem getting a good jobs," he said.

Najib advised Malaysian students in China not to be inward-looking and insular but to make friends with others and to understand the Chinese culture and civilisation, and learn what made them tick and what made them different from others.

He said that despite the slowdown in the world economy, China's econ-

omy was growing at 6.5 per cent annually.

Najib received a courtesy call from the governor of Hebei Province, Zhang Qingwei, and attended a briefing by Datuk Lim Chee Wah, founder and chairman of Genting Resort Secret Garden, on the investment in Zhangjiakou to develop the mountainous area as a world-famous tourist destination and the venue for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

The company's Genting Snow Park has been selected as the venue for the Olympic freestyle skiing and snowboarding events. **Bernama**