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DEVELOPING HUMAN CAPITAL

'COMMUNITY SUPPORT BOOSTS EDUCATION'

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This will transform students into high achievers, says Najib

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ACTIVE participation by community groups in education will serve as a pillar to improve student performance in schools and boost human capital.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said efforts to raise the education sector should not be confined to students and parents, but had to involve the local community, education related non-governmental organisations and other concerned parties.

Najib, who is also Pekan member of parliament, said a study conducted by a research centre in the United States revealed

that schools that roped in community groups in their learning process enjoyed benefits, including ensuring students did not miss classes, scored high grades and completed their homework on time.

"The findings from the studies support what I mentioned earlier.

"When the community provides a solid support for education, it will transform students into high achievers.

"It is in line with our aspirations to develop human capital as a pillar towards the country's development and input for the National Transformation 2050 (TN50) so that families can enjoy better livelihoods (through education)."



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is also Pekan member of parliament, greeting people at Sultan-Haji Ahmad Shah Convention Hall in Pekan yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Najib was speaking at the opening of the Parents and Community seminar, before presenting awards to last year's Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) and Sijil Tinggi Agama Malaysia (STAM) top scorers at Sultan-Haji Ahmad Shah Convention Hall here yesterday.

Describing education as a never-ending process, he said strong education backgrounds would enable people to achieve various feats and they should never stop pursuing education.

He said education was not only measured through academic success but also through technical and vocational skills, especially when people remained determined to work hard and strive to earn better.

"For example, a welder might not earn much from his job, but if he decided to learn underwater welding to secure jobs in the oil and gas industry, he might earn between RM10,000 and RM15,000 a month, and this is how upscaling skills helps one earn a better income.

"We must always set our benchmark at a higher level and never be satisfied with our achievements or assume the journey in education has ended.

"Education is the core to ensure a person enjoys a better future and for the country to continue to enjoy success."

A total of 203 students from the constituency received the Yayasan Pahang excellence awards, which saw SPM high achievers taking home RM250 each, while STPM and STAM candidates received RM300 each.