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# Aim for the top 20, urges Najib

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'Malaysians must also possess high cultural and moral values'

**BANGI:** Malaysians must equip themselves with high cultural and moral values as the country strives forward to become among the top 20 nations in the world, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Government, he added, is committed to developing these values among Malaysians through the 2050 Transformation Plan (TN50).

"We want to be in the top 20, not only in terms of gross national income (GNI) per capita, technology and infrastructure, but in cultural and moral values too.

"The many races and religions

and the respect we have for each other's culture and practices is a uniqueness and strength that we possess.

"If we are able to handle this properly, we can realise our TN50 aspirations for Malaysia to stand tall on the international stage," he said in his speech during the Cultural Congress 2017 at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia here yesterday.

The congress saw 11 resolutions being approved for discussions, which contained elements such as upholding the Malay language as the national language, Islam as the official religion and the Rukunegara as the pillar of the

nation, among others.

The Prime Minister said the Government would study the resolutions to be included in the policy formulation of TN50.

Meanwhile, Najib said technological changes are causing unintended consequences as far as information explosion and social media development are concerned.

"The external influence that seeps into the minds of our younger generation is increasing through social media influences, such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

"The usage of *bahasa rojak* and *bahasa SMS* is also tarnishing our

national language," he said.

He also stressed on the importance of upholding Bahasa Melayu for Malaysians to have a strong identity.

"This is our national language, our language of unity and our identity. The (*bahasa rojak*) generation of *gua* (me) and *lu* (you) is over," Najib said, adding that the people are also encouraged to use English if they want to succeed in a competitive world.

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