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'Strive for all-round progress'

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Bumi success more than just equity ownership, says Najib

TEMERLOH: The progress of the bumiputra community is not just measured by equity ownership, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak listed education, health, success in business and assets as important criteria.

"We want to see the bumiputra become top scientists and world-class athletes, and be famous in other spheres.

"Only then can we become a nation which is respected and one to be reckoned with," he said at the launch of the 18th edition of the Minggu Saham Amanah Malaysia (MSAM) investment fair here yesterday.

Also present was Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) chairman Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar.

Najib praised PNB which he said had helped achieve the objectives of the New Economic Policy (NEP).

"PNB is a premier institution that we can certainly be proud of.

"Through PNB, corporate companies formerly under foreign ownership now belong to Malaysians," he added.

Najib said dividends and bonuses that PNB paid out to Malaysians have had a spillover effect in the



Uplifting message:

Najib speaking at the launch of the 18th edition of the Minggu Saham Amanah Malaysia at Dataran Temerloh. On stage with the Prime Minister are Abdul Wahid (left) and Adnan. — Bernama

national economy.

Later, the PM. presented a PNB contribution of RM700,000 to the haemodialysis centre at the Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Hospital.

MSAM 2017, themed Pelaburan

360 PNB, will go on until April 25, with activities aimed at educating and improving the public's understanding of investments, especially the risks involved and return of investments.

The annual fair has attracted more than 3.3 million visitors since 2000.

The organisers are targeting 150,000 to attend the current fair at Dataran Temerloh.