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# PM: 4 DIMENSIONS NEEDED FOR PROGRESS

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They will ensure holistic human capital development for sustainable growth, says Najib

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**M**ALAYSIA needs to apply four dimensions to achieve holistic human capital development to ensure sustainable economic progress for the country, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said the first dimension was the need for the country to possess a sustainable economy driven by citizens equipped with high education and skills.

The second dimension was for increased income for citizens, which can be achieved through improved education and skills, he said.

"Between a skilled and a semi-skilled worker, the skilled worker will definitely earn more.

"Between a person with an accountancy degree from a university and those with professional accountancy qualifications, or between a doctor and a specialist, the specialist will earn more."

On the third dimension of social mobility, Najib said the government would provide opportunities for people to improve their socio-economic status regardless of their ethnicity and background.

"As long as you have the will to succeed, the government will provide more avenues for social mobility," he said, adding that



Regent of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah (right) visiting the library after the launch of the Pahang campus of Tunku Abdul Rahman University College in Kuantan yesterday. With him are Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, who is also the university college's board of governors chairman. PIC BY MUHAMMAD ASYRAF SAWAL

one's ambition and drive could ensure success.

On the fourth dimension of preparing for future jobs, Najib cited a study stating that children in primary schools today would hold jobs that were yet to exist.

He said 60 per cent of future jobs had yet to exist, but the country must prepare the current generation with skills required in the years to come.

"This is the drastic change that will take place in the world, including Malaysia.

"The government places the highest priority on allocations to achieve quality education and access to quality education.

"This is the kind of change for which we need to prepare the future generation," he said in his speech at the launch of the Pahang campus of Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TARUC) at Indera Mahkota 9 here yesterday.

Present was the Regent of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, who officiated the launch.

Najib said the needed changes could be achieved as shown by the recent improvement in rankings by Universiti Malaya.

The university went up 19 places to 114th in the QS World University Rankings 2018.

He expressed faith that TARUC would provide opportunities to east coast folk to get higher education and obtain skills needed for the future, such as robotics and nanotechnology.

He said TARUC's launch was timely as Indera Mahkota and Ko-

ta Sas here were set to become the new growth centre for Pahang.

Kota Sas is part of the 600km network of the East Coast Rail Link project set to be launched here on Wednesday. Najib is expected to attend the launch.

Also present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, who is also TARUC board of governors chairman, Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Mary Yap Kain Ching and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.