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PM determined to increase women's role

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has expressed determination to increase women's participation in the workforce more aggressively through the launch of the Women's Innovation Academy under the Prime Minister's Department.

Najib said the academy, more glamorously named MyWIN, was serious in naming and shaming public-listed companies which did not have women on their boards.

"Women account for only 16.8

per cent of director positions in the top 100 listed companies on Bursa Malaysia. I am pleased that one of MyWIN's target groups are professional women.

"Creating the next generation of women innovators in the corporate sector is very much in line with our continuous efforts to increase the number of women in decision-making roles in the corporate sector," he said at the launch of the academy last night.

Najib, who was invited by My-

WIN co-founder and president Tan Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil to be the advisory council chairman, will chair the first meeting with the advisory council's deputy chairman, Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing.

"We have made significant progress on this front, as 35.8 per cent of the public sector's decision-making positions are now held by women, while in the corporate sector, I am very proud to say we have reached our target of 30 per cent," he said.