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PM: Gen-Y is country's precious asset

Government will encourage youth to be more analytical, says Najib

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ALOR SETAR: Holistic changes to the country's education system will be introduced to groom the Gen-Y as the future depends on them to face coming challenges, said the Prime Minister.

This group of people, numbering some 11.8mil and aged between 23 and 36, was hailed as the country's most precious asset by Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"The Government is transforming the old education system into one that will encourage students to be analytical and practise critical thinking.

"It is paramount that we nurture our young generation to be creative and innovative minded to face future challenges.

"The future of the country depends on our success to prepare the Gen-Ys," he said in his speech to about 4,000 youths near Menara Alor Setar here yesterday.



Najib also encouraged the Gen-Y group to get in touch with e-commerce due to its vast potential to expand and develop.

"Based on research, 65% of pupils in primary schools now will be filling jobs that have yet to exist today.

"The current generation was trained to fill existing jobs but we wish to nurture the younger generation to create their own jobs," he said.

Also present were Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman

and Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid.

Najib also announced that RM30mil had been set aside to build a race track in Sungai Petani.

"The track will benefit the youths and there will be no more need for *mat rempit* to race on the streets.

"They can race all they want on the track," he said, adding that Ahmad Bashah would make an announcement later.

Earlier, Najib also took part in a 3km bicycle ride around the city.