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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak (centre) with participants in the 2017 Perdana Fellows programme in Putrajaya yesterday. With them are Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and cabinet ministers. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

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85 Perdana fellows to learn intricacies of government

PUTRAJAYA: The Perdana Fellowship is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Malaysian youth to understand the inner workings of the government.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the programme was a golden opportunity for the selected 85 university students and graduates to get the invaluable experience of learning from key policy and decision-makers in the government.

“Through this programme, you can experience for yourselves the complexity of running the country.

“I, too, was a student before. We thought running the government was simple. When we became members of the government, we realised that it was not as simple nor as easy as we thought.

“Running a government is challenging and complex, but, at the

same time, rewarding, because you are able to make a difference in the lives of all Malaysians,” he said at the handing over of the 2017 Perdana Fellows to their respective ministries.

The fellowship provides exceptionally talented young Malaysians comprehensive hands-on experience and mentorship in matters of national governance.

The fellows are Malaysian students and graduates from both local and foreign universities, and from various fields of study.

They will be assigned to cabinet ministers and the chief secretary to the government for between six weeks and three months, and will be able to learn the intricacies of the national agenda and of policy-making.