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New boardwalk eases villagers' burden

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ROMPIN: Residents of Kampung Air Batang and Kampung Tekek in Pulau Tioman can now travel to both villages freely, thanks to a new 310m boardwalk launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday.

The RMI.6 million East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC) project, implemented by the Tioman Development Authority, began construction on Sept 22, 2015 and was completed on Feb 6.

Najib, accompanied by Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak walking on the newly-completed boardwalk in Kampung Tekek, Pulau Tioman, yesterday. PIC BY FARIZUL HAFIZ AWANG

Noh Omar, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, Rompin member of parliament Datuk Seri Hasan Ariffin and Tioman assemblyman Datuk Mohd Johari Hussain, spent over half an hour touring the boardwalk.

Present were ECERDC chief executive officer Datuk Seri Jebasingam Issace John, and its Pa-

hang general manager, Datuk Mohd Mazlan Sharudin.

Previously, residents of both villages and tourists were forced to use a hilly trek linking the settlements.

Kampung Tekek chief Zulkaini A. Hamid said the boardwalk would allow students from Kampung Air Batang to go to their school in

Kampung Tekek.

“This walkway is very beneficial to us.

“Villagers can use the bridge to buy basic daily necessities and children can go to school easily,” he said.

He added that the boardwalk could boost tourism in Kampung Tekek, which was also the island’s administrative centre.