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'GLOBAL LEVEL'

Govt will uphold Bahasa Melayu in TN50, says Najib

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PUTRAJAYA: The prime minister last night gave his assurance that Bahasa Melayu will be upheld in the National Transformation 2050 (TN50).

Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the

language would be elevated globally as the country strove to become a top 20 nation by 2050.

“With the efforts to uphold Bahasa Melayu, I hope it can reach a global level.

“In fact, I am inspired to see Bahasa Melayu become a main language for Asean,” he said at the Prime Minister’s Cup International Malay Language Public Speaking Competition (PABM) 2017 Final here.

Present were the prime minister’s wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, and Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

Najib said other languages would not be sidelined in the efforts to uphold Bahasa Melayu.

He said the beauty of a language reflected the self-worth of a society.

“In this respect, any attempts to mar Bahasa Melayu, especially on social media, should be avoided.”

He urged Malaysians not to adopt the chaotic usage of Bahasa Melayu found on social media.

“This will erode the (beauty of the) language.”

Following the rapid progress of



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with winners of the Prime Minister’s Cup International Malay Language Public Speaking Competition 2017 Final in Putrajaya yesterday. With him is his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

digital technology, Najib said this was one of the challenges faced by the government to ensure Bahasa Melayu would not be sidelined.

On PABM, Najib said he was upbeat to see how it had pro-

gressed from 24 participants representing 24 nations in 2007 to 53 from 63 countries this year.

He expressed hope that participants would not stop or get bored of learning Bahasa Melayu.

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