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Putrajaya site for KSCIP

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Najib: King Salman Centre for International Peace to be built on 16ha site

PEKAN: A permanent structure for the King Salman Centre for International Peace (KSCIP) will be built on a 16ha land in Putrajaya.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the decision was made after a discussion with the assistants to Saudi King Salman Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Crown Prince Mohammed Salman who visited his official residence in Putrajaya on Saturday night.

"The construction of the centre reflects the importance of the institution, and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia will come to open it with me.

"King Salman could have chosen any other country to build the centre, but he chose Malaysia," Najib said in his speech at a Hari Raya open house hosted by him here yesterday.

Bernama reported that the KSCIP currently operates from Kuala Lumpur, and the government has been given two years to build the new centre, which is a brainchild of King Salman. It is aimed at deflect-

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ing the influence of extremism and terrorist activities, as well as promoting universal peace.

The Umno president also urged the people not to be angry and critical about what the government has done for the country, as it was for the wellbeing of the people.

"What we do has earned praises and recognition from other countries including Saudi Arabia.

"That's why it's not true if the Opposition says that the country is a failed state, and needs to be saved. In fact, we have been safe and suc-

cessful, and foreign countries have commended us.

"Even our past leaders had never received such acclaim from Saudi Arabia, so there is no need to 'save' Malaysia," he said.

He said it was not necessary for a former leader to come back to save Malaysia as the country was already on the right track.

Najib added that the former leader, an allusion to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, did not even get the kind of recognition that the current administration enjoys among the international community.

Najib added that Malaysia had enjoyed 5.6% economic growth in the first quarter of the year and achieved RM80bil in exports for the first time in March.

Najib said this success was channelled to the people as evident from the five aid packages amounting to RM3bil distributed to 9.6 million Malaysians in conjunction with Hari Raya this year.

These packages included special aid to civil servants and pensioners,

dividends for smallholders, the second phase of 1Malaysia People's Aid, Hari Raya incentives, as well as dividends for Felda settlers, he said.

"Don't swallow the Opposition's instigation because they have lost their capital and moral principles in their fight," said Najib.

Tens of thousands of people turned up for the feast hosted by Najib who is Pekan MP and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Also present were Pahang Regent Tengku Mahkota Tengku Abdullah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

On Saturday night's meeting with the Saudi mission, Najib confirmed that the additional Haj quota given by the Saudi Arabian government to Malaysia would be maintained, and talks on the construction of two Tabung Haji complexes in Mecca and Madinah were still underway.

He said if the complexes were built, it would help reduce the cost of Malaysians performing the Haj in the future.