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## SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM

# PM: 'Negaraku' initiative gaining momentum

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The government's "Negaraku" initiative to ignite the people's patriotism is building up momentum.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday gave his support as the initiative was being adopted by the Health Ministry and Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara).

In a symbolic gesture, he affixed the Negaraku logo on two buses belonging to the ministry and Mara to kick-start the initiative at the two bodies.

Present were Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak.

The Health Ministry and Mara have pledged to embrace the Negaraku spirit to spread the spirit of patriotism and love for Malaysia.

Ismail said Mara would feature the Negaraku logo on 51 express buses and 237 stage buses operating under Mara Liner Sdn Bhd.

He said the logo would be carried on 1,700 vehicles belonging to 533 Mara administration centres locally and abroad.

"Also, the logo will be featured at all Mara buildings, education institutions and business premises," he said.

Ismail said the Negaraku spirit would be highlighted in programmes involving 160,957 Mara scholars.

Apart from Mara, he said, the ministry would expand the Negaraku initiative to other agencies.

As for the Health Ministry, it had decided to feature the Negaraku logo on its vehicles, including ambulances and mobile clinics.

Medical officers, assistant medical officers and nurses would wear the Negaraku logo on their uniforms.

In March, Najib launched the "Negaraku" initiative, which was aimed at instilling a sense of love for the country, setting aside differences and uniting people to develop Malaysia into a more prosperous and successful country.