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PM lauds swimmer for record-breaking feat

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has congratulated national swimmer Welson Sim for winning the gold medal at an international meet in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

The 20-year-old Sim won the men's 400m freestyle at the Mare Nostrum Tour.

"Congratulations to Sim, who won the gold medal at Monaco, broke national records and even defeated an Olympic champion," said Najib on his official Twitter account yesterday.

"This is a sweet victory," Najib added.

Sim clocked in 3:49.48 to beat reigning Olympic champion Mack Horton of Australia for the gold medal, erasing his previous national record of 3:50.33 set in March 2016 at the National Age-Group swimming championships in Singapore.

He is the second Malaysian to win at the Mare Nostrum Tour.

Phee Jinq En was Malaysia's first-ever winner in the tour when she won the women's 50m breaststroke, also in Monaco last year.