

Najib: Deepavali All The More Special As Seeds Of Transformation Begin To Emerge
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said this year's Deepavali celebration will be all the more special as the seeds of the country's national transformation efforts start to emerge.

The government's efforts to engage and bring services directly to the people are beginning to show results, the prime minister said in his blog at 1Malaysia.com.my.

"The special initiatives that we have undertaken over the last two years are yielding results that have a real and positive impact on Indian families and individuals.

"This has given us the confidence to further strengthen and widen our efforts so that we may reach all who need us," the prime minister added.

Deepavali will be celebrated on Wednesday.

In this regard, the prime minister said the government would now expand its efforts to include direct initiatives to increase incomes among the Indian community.

Najib said the government was also committed to realising the full business prowess of the Indian community and "will do what it takes to unlock this potential."

"In order for us to achieve our vision to comprehensively uplift the community, I need the commitment and the trust of the Indian community to work with me.

"The hope or 'nambikei' of each Malaysian Indian is vital towards forging a full and effective partnership between the government and the community that will ensure a better quality of life for this and coming generations," he said.

He also called on professionals and corporate personalities as well as community leaders to work with the government and develop innovative and creative ways to directly and positively change the lives of members of the community.

What was important, the prime minister said, was that in this journey towards national transformation, "we are all in this together."

"Without the full commitment and support of each group, we will simply not achieve our collective ambitions for Malaysia.

"This is why the government has always emphasised the need to engage with all Malaysians so that we can really come together to take the nation to greater heights," he said.

He also wished all Malaysian Hindus, "Deepavali Vaalthukal."

"Let us once again come together and join our friends and celebrate this festival with the hope that it brings the light of happiness and harmony to all Malaysians," the prime minister

said.

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