

PM has high praise for squash queen Nicol David
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 5 — National squash champion Nicol Ann David has been hailed as the country's most successful sports icon, with Datuk Seri Najib Razak describing her ability to defend her world title for six consecutive years as unmatched.

The prime minister hoped that Nicol's success would spur other athletes to similarly excel in their respective sports, according to a Bernama report.

"On behalf of the government and the people Malaysia, I would like to extend heartiest congratulations to Nicol," he was quoted as saying after receiving a courtesy call from Nicol (picture) at his office here.

Present were Nicol's parents, Desmond David and Anne Marie David.

"Nicol should be made a role model because she is the most successful sports icon in our country's history," Najib was quoted as saying.

He wished Nicol all the best and more success in the future, saying that it would set a high benchmark for the country's sports, especially in squash.

According to the Bernama report, Nicol described the meeting with the prime minister as a truly meaningful event for her and her parents.

"It was a great honour for me and family to get the recognition from the government and Malaysians. Thank you for the all support," she was quoted as saying.

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