

**PM: Enhancing innovation should not be at expense of people**  
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PUTRAJAYA: Efforts to improve the living standard of the people at the grassroots level should not be neglected in the effort to generate wealth through commercialisation and innovations, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak.

The Prime Minister said innovations should be looked at in the context of efforts to eradicate poverty, improve public health, agricultural development and so on.

"This is also related to our aspiration to develop the rural areas based on a new model that suits the situation in the 21st century," he said in his speech before chairing the National Innovations Council Meeting.

Najib said that in this context, the role of science and technology was important to add value to innovative products that could be produced by the grassroots community.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and the Deputy Science, Technology and Innovations Minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof.

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