

It's a privilege to continue dad's work, says Najib
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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak always looked up to his father as a role model in his duties as Prime Minister.

He said he was inspired to become a leader by watching his father, the country's second Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein.

“My father was not in favour of my entering politics. He did not try to influence me to be a politician, but watching him inspired me,” he said in an interview with 988 FM Radio on Thursday.

Najib said he felt privileged for the opportunity to continue his father's work, which he says was not “quite finished”.

“There were a lot of things he had wanted to do, but could not do during his time,” he added.

Najib said his father had been very much involved in ensuring that he did well in his studies, adding that he had to show Tun Razak his report card.

“My father would reward me with RM50 if I emerged first in my class, RM30 for second place and RM20 for third place.

“If I did not make it to the top three, he would be disappointed. It was a good motivation for me to do well,” said Najib.

Najib also shared his memories of playing his favourite sport of football during his school days.

“When I was in school in Britain, I once scored five goals. That score made me very popular among my schoolmates,” he added.

However, when asked if the incident had made him more popular among the girls, Najib replied: “Unfortunately, no. It was a boys' school.”

Although he stopped playing football a long time ago, the Prime Minister says exercising and staying healthy was still important to him.

“I have a small gym at home and I have engaged a personal trainer,” he said, adding that he exercises three to four times a week and was recently given a clean bill of health during a check-up at the National Heart Institute (IJN).

Najib said what kept him going as the country's leader was his thought of the hopes of 28 million Malaysians on him.

“It keeps me doing the best I can for my country,” he added.

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