

**Mulling over Myanmar maids**  
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NAYPYITAW: Malaysia is willing to consider providing opportunity to Myanmar nationals registered under the 6P programme to work as maids.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said during his meeting with Myanmar President Thein Sein on Wednesday that he had informed the Myanmar government that more than 250,000 of its nationals had registered under the 6P biometric programme.

Najib, who was in Myanmar for a two-day official visit which ended yesterday, said Malaysia would consider giving them a chance to work as domestic maids because their nationals were polite.

"We need further discussions about the proposal. We do not know the terms and conditions. But if the terms are acceptable, we certainly can consider," he said.

Najib said it would not be that difficult to pursue the proposal if Myanmar nationals could fit in culturally with Malaysia's way of life.

"This matter will be handled by the Human Resources Ministry," he told Malaysian media at the end of his visit.

When asked, Human Resources Minister Datuk S Subramaniam said discussions on hiring maids from Myanmar involved several matters, including safety.

It is understood that Myanmar has a strict policy on the hiring of its female workers and that the number of its domestic maids is very small.

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