

**I need people's support to transform country, says PM**  
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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak says he needs the support of all Malaysians, including the Chinese community, to make his transformation agenda a success.

"It is important for all Malaysians to support this journey towards transforming Malaysia and not have an attitude of let us stay on the sidelines' or being on the fence'.

"Reforms take time. As they say, Rome was not built in a day. However, we have achieved much these past three years and if we are given the mandate (to govern the country) again, we will make the reforms and the country will see transformation," he said on an NTV7 talk show, *Chat Time with Najib*, which was aired at 8.30pm yesterday.

He looked calm and relaxed in a light blue shirt, casual dark blue coat and beige trousers, as he tackled the various questions on issues concerning the Chinese community, the younger generation's political tendencies and the general elections.

Newscasters Owen Yap and Lee Siad Huey conducted the 90-minute show in Bahasa Malaysia and English. They also provided commentaries in Mandarin on the various issues discussed during the show.

"The Government has done well in engaging with the Chinese community and on my part, I have been a Prime Minister for all.

"However, we will only see the true voting tendencies' of the Chinese and can only hope for their support when the time comes," Najib commented on MCA president Datuk Seri Chua Soi Lek's statement that the "voting tendencies" of the Chinese for the coming general election were difficult to predict.

On certain fears that had been voiced out by the public that Chinese vernacular schools were in danger of being closed down, Najib said: "Chinese vernacular schools are an integral part of the country's education system and the Government supports the development of Chinese schools as well as other vernacular schools.

"Therefore there is no reason for anyone to fear that we will close down any Chinese school, as they are here to stay."

Najib also disagreed with the perception that the younger generation would only support the Opposition.

"I have met with young people on various occasions and they have always seemed very warm towards the Government," he said.

Najib also dismissed the planned Bersih 3.0 rally on April 28 as "unnecessary", giving assurance that the Government was "all for clean and fair elections".

"We don't want to be elected on the basis that we have rigged the elections," he said.

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