

**Malaysia's Trade Links With Britain Will Become Stronger - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he was confident that Malaysia's trade links with Britain would become much stronger after both countries renewed their commitment recently.

"Ever since the East India Company opened its first base in the region in Penang more than 200 years ago, Malaysia's trade links with the UK have been strong - and I'm confident that they will get much stronger after our renewed commitment this week," he said in his latest posting entitled 'Strengthening our ties with Britain' at [www.1Malaysia.com.my](http://www.1Malaysia.com.my) today.

British Prime Minister David Cameron made his first official visit to Malaysia on Thursday at the invitation of Najib.

It was his first official visit here since he became British prime minister in May, 2010.

Najib said both Malaysia and Britain should celebrate these historic ties, both big and small, and to renew them.

"Economically, culturally, politically, our bilateral relationship has not only stood the test of time, it has flourished down the years - from the days of my father (second prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein) to the place where, more than 50 years later, we find ourselves today.

"If Britain and Malaysia are united in our values, we are equally united in our commitment to increasing prosperity, raising living standards and building open, outward-facing economies," he said.

On Cameron's visit, Najib said it was a pleasure to host the first British Prime Minister to Malaysia in almost 20 years.

"The visit followed my official trip to the UK last summer where we discussed ways of working together more closely in meeting our shared challenges and opportunities," he said.

Najib also expressed his joy of touring the Malaysian campus of Nottingham University, where he spoke alongside Cameron at a Global Movement of Moderates (GMM) event.

Najib noted that Cameron was delighted to visit the campus of his alma mater and speak in support of the GMM, and so was him, especially with so many international students in attendance.

"Mr Cameron has spoken memorably about 'muscular liberalism' - and I agree with him that being moderate is not the same as being a wimp!

"It is for all of us as moderates, Muslims, Christians, Jews and atheists alike, to demonstrate this muscularity and use our unity and strength to defeat intolerance and stay true to the

path of moderation," he said.

Najib said it was both countries' common path where in Malaysia, the colonial-era Internal Security Act was replaced with new civil liberties and freedoms, and that in the UK heralded the end of decades of conflict and strife in Northern Ireland.

"Those are also our common values - values, it must be said, that were forged in Britain's world-class education system," he added.

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