

**Traders, Shoppers And Residents Accord Warm Welcome To Najib In Wangsa Maju
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- Traders, shoppers and nearby residents turned up in force to accord a warm welcome to Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as the prime minister came to the Teratai Mewah wet market in Wangsa Maju here to begin his day-long visit on Friday to the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur.

Many of them had been waiting from as early as 8 am and seemed to be impatient in wanting to meet their prime minister who arrived at 9.20 am during a slight drizzle to a grand welcome complete with a Chinese traditional lion dance.

Kuih (traditional cake) seller Lim Siew Kuan, 40, expressed happiness for having been able to shake hands with Najib, describing her meeting with the prime minister as something she would not forget all her life.

"It was my first meeting with the prime minister, and I was able to shake hands with him," she told Bernama.

Lim said Najib has set a good example as a prime minister because he is willing to go to the ground to meet the people, given the crowded market and the muddy ground due to the rain.

The prime minister smiled as he shook hands with the people.

Clothes seller Wong Yoke Ying, 47, said she hoped that Najib would visit the area again.

"I understand that he has a busy work schedule. His visit is most meaningful. I hope he can visit us again," she said.

Najib broke into a smile as he spotted vegetable seller Lim Poh Yee, 42, relentlessly waving a "1Malaysia" sign soon after seeing the prime minister at the market.

She told Bernama she liked the "1Malaysia" concept initiated by Najib.

The prime minister shook hands with almost all the traders, shoppers and nearby residents.

Najib was accompanied on the visit by Federal Territories and Urban Well-being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin, deputy minister Datuk M. Saravanan, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek and Wangsa Maju MP Wee Choo Keong.

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