

Najib to professionals: Help steer nation to glory
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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has called on the country's professionals to support the Government's nation-building efforts, saying they are movers of the country's economy.

Addressing about 300 professionals at his official residence here yesterday, the Prime Minister said they had the ability to influence others into pursuing Malaysia's objective of becoming a high-income nation.

"You have contributed much and are highly sought-after opinion leaders by the unique position that you occupy," he said.

Najib acknowledged there was uncertainty in the global economy, spurred by the crisis in Europe, but maintained that Malaysia had a resilient economy that would weather the storm.

He cited the positive assessment on Malaysia given by international bodies, such as being named the 14th most competitive nation in the world by Switzerland-based global business school IMD.

"(It) boils down to a sense of confidence, which makes the ingredient of building this country," he said, adding that maintaining stability would sustain Malaysia's dream to become a developed nation by year 2020.

He said the Barisan Nasional government had laid down a "very concrete and realistic" economic roadmap to make Malaysia achieve its vision.

In **KOTA KINABALU**, Sabah has prepared a busy schedule for the Prime Minister when he visits the Kadazandusun heartland this weekend.

Najib's visit begins with the opening of the Sabah Handicraft Centre in the interior Keningau town and will round up his visit with the launching of his fan club, and a meeting with his local Twitter and Facebook friends.

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