

Najib: Continue to care for the elderly
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SERI KEMBANGAN: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has reminded Malaysians to continue caring for senior citizens whose contributions have helped make the country successful.

The Prime Minister said the practice of looking after aged parents should continue to ensure a happy and harmonious community.

"We do not want what is happening in some developed countries where the aged are abandoned or left at old folks homes to happen here.

"While the Government can provide infrastructure, facilities and aid so that senior citizens can lead a meaningful and comfortable life, nothing beats the kind of care and attention that a family gives," he said at a luncheon to celebrate Mothers and Fathers Day with some 1,000 senior citizens at Rumah Sejahtera Seri Kembangan.

Also present were Women, Family and Community Development Deputy Minister Datuk Heng Seai Kie and MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

Najib, who is also holding the Women, Family and Community Development portfolio, announced that the Health Ministry would send teams to all 48 old folks home under the ministry to provide senior citizens with medical care.

He also said homes that are registered with the Welfare Department would be provided with Astro programmes.

"The medical team will be making visits at least once a month to check on the senior citizens' health," he said.

The Prime Minister said the senior citizens can now watch the latest Bollywood or kungfu movies for entertainment.

For 95-year-old Abdullah Ahmad from Setapak Jaya, being invited to share the same table with Najib for lunch was an honour.

"I knew the PM would be coming to the event but I didn't expect to be sitting across from him," he said.

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