

**IT-Savvy Retiree Gets To Meet PM, Thanks To Constant Emails**  
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KUCHING, May 2 (Bernama) -- After over a year of communicating with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak via e-mails, a retiree finally saw his fondest wish fulfilled.

He met the nation's leader.

Bringing along a printed copy of Najib's last email reply, Chek Jalil Samion, 60, had only one reason to turn up at the Matang Jaya Agriculture Market here.

The prime minister wished to meet him at the market.

In the copy which Chek Jalil showed to Bernama, Najib invited him to the market on April 28, as he would be coming for a walkabout.

"As he had written to ask me to bring a copy of the email, I brought it along, and I guess I'm among the lucky few to get to talk to him personally," he told Bernama after having a short chat with Najib.

Upon meeting the prime minister in person, Chek Jalil said Najib had thanked him for the suggestions which he had posted in connection with current issues affecting the country.

"Even before meeting him (Najib) in person, I knew from the tone of his e-mails that he is an open-minded person and attends to every suggestion received," he added.

He said the issues that he discussed with Najib were more on the well-being of the ordinary man, and Chek Jalil had given suggestions on how the government could assist.

"I encourage every Malaysian to email to him...tweeting may not be enough," said the information technology-savvy retiree.

On how long his conversation was with the prime minister, he replied: "Two minutes...but I am grateful for being able to talk to him face-to-face."

The Matang Jaya Agriculture Market walkabout was the latest for Najib. Prior to that, he embarked on a series of 13 walkabouts at 30 different places in Sarawak between Feb 22, 2010 and July 12, last year.

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