

**Remember The Good Deeds Of One's Father - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 16 (Bernama) -- Father's Day which will be celebrated tomorrow is a day when children and family remember and appreciate the role, deed and wisdom of a father, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

In this regard, the Prime Minister wished Happy Father's Day to all fathers and those who had just become fathers as well.

"We have to also give recognition to the new fathers for their contributions as they hold the potential of forming a new generation, which will ensure the success of our country, God willing," he said.

Najib said this in a video recording of a special interview in conjunction with 2012 Father's Day which was uploaded in the blog www.1Malaysia.com.my here, today.

During the six-minute interview, Najib was also asked on his relationship with his late father Tun Abdul Razak Hussein which he regarded as quite different from the current situation.

"In those days, we were bashful with our parents and had high respect for them. We were always wary with what we say or do because we didn't want our words to hurt or cause displeasure to our father.

"But this doesn't mean that there was no deep sense of love, indeed there was. I still remember when I studied abroad, at a time when there was no email, sms or social media, we had to write letters via aerogram and wait for the reply.

"Whenever I wrote to him, he would definitely reply, even though he was very busy as Prime Minister and a reply might arrive only two weeks later but a reply from him would definitely arrive," he said.

Najib said the late Tun Razak was a very subtle motivator who encouraged him and his siblings to study hard so that they could get excellent results.

"And every month, he would want to know about our achievements. My siblings and I did not want to disappoint him, so we did our best.

"So it was in this way that he taught my brothers and I not to be spoiled, not to be too extravagant in our lives and to always practice a modest kind of lifestyle as well as to be considerate to other people," he said.

Najib said the subtle lessons of his late father, which had left a significant impact on his life and feelings, had enabled him to have good emotional intelligence with the people.

Asked on the difference between the way he bonded with his children compared to his late father, he said now it was more informal.

"Which means we can hang out together, we can mix with each other, but the presence of respect is still there but on a more informal way than in the past.

"In my relationship with my children I see that we are able to exchange our thoughts more openly, without the feeling that there is a gap between us, but at the same time they are fully aware of their respect for me as their father.

"This generational change is not only on me but also on other Malaysian families in general," he said.

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