

**Teachers The Unsung Heroes Of Society, Says Najib  
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KOTA KINABALU, June 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today said programmes in appreciation of teachers should be adopted as a continuous practice.

He said such programmes could achieve two big objectives, which were, to highlight the significant contributions by teachers to society and mould individual characters from an early age.

"Teachers are the unsung heroes of society but their contribution is intangible.

"The second objective is (such programmes) can mould the character of an individual because we need educated generations, who are knowledgeable, with character and good values, with pleasant and positive attitudes," he said during the prize presentation at the state-level Teacher's Day Card Drawing Competition here.

Najib said the programmes could teach society, especially students, to be grateful to someone who has been of service.

He remarked that, apart from parents, teachers played a big role in inspiring students to develop themselves.

People with good character and able to appreciate the contribution they receive would surely succeed in life and help the nation progress, Najib said.

"We (the government) promise to fulfill our responsibility towards transforming the country by 2020. But the country needs the people to be with it and support the government in this journey (to transform the country).

"Just like a train journey, we need good passengers who obey the law, maintain peace and support the train driver to reach the destination," he explained.

He also added that efforts to develop human capital with good character from an early age was the focus of his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor through the Permata Negara programme.

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