

Children come up with Fathers Day card for Najib
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PUTRAJAYA: It was a dream for many of them to meet their idol, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

However, they realised that it would be tough to meet him due to his busy schedule and instead decided that they would send him a home-made greeting card.

Yesterday, 49 children aged between 2 and 27, travelled by bus from their orphanage at Sinthamani Divine Life Ashram in Jinjang to the Prime Minister's Office, here.

Their task was to personally deliver the self-made Happy Fathers Day card to the Prime Minister's Office.

Orphanage founder and managing chairman B. Praveendran said the idea for the greeting card came from the orphans themselves.

"They always watch the prime minister on television and see his picture in newspapers.

"They admire the prime minister and are very proud of him.

"So, one day, they asked me if it was possible to make a greeting card and send it to the prime minister. So I told them we could send a card and thus they made this huge one (90cm x 30 cm) and wrote on it.

"It took them two weeks to do it and they chose to do a Happy Fathers Day card because they consider Najib as a father to Malaysia and this is their form of appreciation for his leadership," said Praveendran.

Despite not being able to meet Najib, who was away attending several engagements in Pahang, the children were nevertheless happy they were able to come to Putrajaya and hand over the greeting card.

"They were so excited to come on this trip and asked permission to skip school."

The card was received by Najib's special task officer Datuk Paduka Ghazali Ibrahim, who also spent some time with the children.

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