

**2,000 get free spectacles**  
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PEKAN: More than 2,000 people here and in Jerantut were ecstatic and grateful after they received free spectacles from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on Friday and Saturday.

Zainab Omar, 84, of Peramu Jaya here, said she had been suffering without glasses for the past three years and said she could see her world much clearer now.

"I am living alone as my husband died years ago. I need to see clearly to take better care of myself," said Zainab, who was the oldest recipient at the function held at the auditorium of the Pekan Umno Building here.

She was one of the 372 people who received the free spectacles donated by Yayasan Rahah.

Norliza Nordin @ Ismail, 46, was excited about getting her pair of spectacles.

"My friends and I were told that we could visit an outlet in Kuantan if we had any problems with the glasses," said Norliza, who felt honoured to receive her spectacles from the prime minister.

The mother of three, who has been staying in Datuk Shahbandar, near here since 1973, said she could not afford a new pair of glasses as she did not earn much as a seamstress.

On Friday, the people who joined the launch of the KAS1H Felda programme at Felda Padang Piol in Jerantut were also delighted to get free eye check-ups and spectacles.

About 2,000 free spectacles were distributed by the Felda Foundation at the event, which Najib launched.

The initiative was part of the foundation's charity eye-care programme.

Felda Foundation director Mohd Bainuri Aris said it was compulsory for the people to check their eyes before receiving their free spectacles.

He said those chosen for the programme could choose the spectacle frame they preferred from those available. Their spectacles would be ready in three to four weeks.

"We've received encouraging response and will extend this programme to other states, including Sabah and Sarawak."

Senior citizen Mohd Ali Napiah, 65, welcomed the initiative as he did not need to go to a hospital or clinic for eye checks.

"I thank Felda Foundation for the new glasses to replace my old, rusty one."

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