

**PM: Govt has done well**  
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SHAH ALAM: Malaysia can do without leaders who have good acting and oratory skills but criticise without a solid basis just to influence the young, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"It is simple. We would not be where we are now if not for our Government.

"Malaysia is not a failed country. We have a good success story that spans 55 years," the Prime Minister said at the Malaysian Young Thinkers Convention at Universiti Teknologi Mara yesterday.

The country's first astronaut Datuk Dr Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor was among those dubbed Malaysian Young Thinkers Icons.

Urging the country's youths to adopt "higher thinking" skills, Najib said they should not be easily influenced by negative comments made by some people on the Net.

Citing the national Blue Ocean Strategy and the Urban Transformation Centre in Malacca as examples of the Government applying "higher thinking" skills, Najib said: "With the Urban Transformation Centre, every federal and state department is located at one place.

"One can get his MyKad and medical check-up done without travelling from one location to another."

Najib also took the Opposition to task over their "unrealistic promises", such as pledging to abolish the National Higher Education Corporation loans should they take over the country.

"It is not possible to do so. What kind of culture are they trying to cultivate? Are they saying that students should not repay debts?" he asked.

Reminding the young people that they are the country's future leaders, he encouraged them to speak with officers from the relevant government agencies over issues that they are not happy with.

"Taking your dissatisfaction to the streets is not going to solve anything. You cannot go around kicking and injuring policemen or vandalising public property. That is not democracy, it is *democrazy*! Violence is not a solution."

Najib said he would announce the setting up of a Kedai Buku 1Malaysia and Kedai Kain 1Malaysia soon.

At the *Ekspresi Remaja Bersama PM* event at Stadium Negara, which was attended by over 4,000 girl guides and scouts, Najib said youths can learn values such as unity and teamwork by taking part in uniformed bodies such as the Girl Guides or the Scouts movement.

Saying that the team spirit and unity shown by girl guides and scouts were true to the 1Malaysia concept, Najib urged the movements to not only focus on team-building but also work to help the poor, disabled and victims of natural disasters.

Najib also said that another massive gathering of youths, called the "1Malaysia Youth for You", would be held next week.

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