

Najib scores 600 'likes'
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KUALA LUMPUR: Sixty per cent of the proceeds from ticket sales of the football match between Manchester City FC and the Malaysian national team here on July 30 will be donated to Yayasan 1MDB (1Malaysia Development Bhd), a foundation established to help Malaysians in education and healthcare.

1MDB said in a statement that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Manchester City FC had agreed to this charity initiative.

In addition, 1MDB said there would also be "special accessibility pricing" for thousands of tickets to ensure passionate Malaysian football fans could watch their national team take on the English Premier League champions.

It quoted Najib as saying that "the pricing policy and donation we have agreed upon enables us to combine Malaysia's love of football with a strong charitable element from which thousands will benefit".

Manchester City's interim CEO John MacBeath said: "We appreciate enormously the Prime Minister's warmth and openness and are delighted to make this game accessible to as wide a local audience as possible."

Yayasan 1MDB Board of Trustees member Tan Sri Lodin Wok Kamaruddin said it would go towards efforts to improve access to education among Malaysian children.

Najib later took to Facebook and Twitter to announce that the first batch of 15,000 tickets would be sold at only RM10 each during the 1Malaysia Youth For You (1M4U) programme which will take place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre tomorrow.

"A major portion of the proceeds from the sales of these tickets will be donated to charity," he said in his Facebook posting late last night which immediately received more than 600 "likes".

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