

**Evaluate The Government From All Aspects, Not Based On Perception – Najib
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SHAH ALAM, July 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the young generation should evaluate the achievements of the government from all aspects and not based on political perception and rhetoric.

In this regard, the Prime Minister said the young generation must be trained so that they had higher thinking skills to enable them to differentiate between the perception deliberately created by certain groups, particularly through the internet and social media which were not based on the truth.

"This is the generation that should be able to evaluate all this...not a matter of perception. Don't think that just because we are the government, we are not right. "If the ruling Barisan Nasional is not right, Malaysia would not have developed as it is now and Insya-Allah, Malaysia will achieve the developed nation status in a few more years," Najib said.

He said this when delivering his speech at the opening of the Malaysian Young Thinkers Convention organised by Malaysian Young Thinkers Youth Organisation (PPM) in collaboration with the Youth and Sports Ministry, Malaysian Youth Development Research Institute and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) here.

Najib said not all countries had detailed planning as Malaysia had in order to achieve the developed nation status because the government was capable of leading the nation to carry out [MAS](#)sive transformation.

The Prime Minister said the fact was that Malaysia was not a failed state because if one looked back at the progress the country had made under the present government for the past 55 years, there had been many achievements to the extent that the country could now be interpreted as a successful nation.

He said that most young people emphasised on what was happening today and in future, but the fact was that they had no historical perspective, thus they would be at a loss as to where they had originated from or their past history.

Thus, he said, some of the young generation did not know the difficulties suffered and the sacrifices made by the past leaders so that their children would inherit a much better nation.

"Thus, as a young generation, we cannot be blind to history and we cannot become a generation that does not appreciate the struggles of our forefathers," he said.

The Prime Minister said a young generation that had historical perspective would be appreciative and would not live as part of history, instead they would have the determination to take the country to greater heights.

"This is the young generation that we can depend upon. It means that as a young generation, we must have the capability to contribute, and the ability to be critical, innovative and creative in our thinking," he said.

As leaders, Najib said, providing educational opportunities for the young generation to

possess academic qualification alone was insufficient because they must be prepared to face the challenges of the 21st century, including attacks on the leaders through the social media instead of the 'poison pen' letters as was the case in the past.

"They must be given the skill to think in depth so that they will not accept in toto what is being published in the social media.

"We don't want leaders who are good actors. We don't want leaders who are good in oratory skills but are not truthful," he said.

We don't want leaders attacking other leaders, but they themselves are not prepared to swear giving the excuse that it is a political conspiracy, everything is political conspiracy and they are not prepared to defend themselves based on facts," Najib said.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN) emphasised on the need to make real transformation instead of merely political rhetoric. Real change could also not be achieved through improper street demonstrations with some of the demonstrators jumping 'like monkeys' and kicking policemen, he said.

Street demonstrations would not strengthen democracy, instead Najib described them as 'democracy' for creating chaos which did not benefit Malaysia.

"Chaos in the country would benefit no one, but if one does not agree with anything, then voice it in a proper manner," he said. Najib said Malaysians, including the young generation, must do what was best for the country and at the same time, the government provided aid such as the 1Malaysia People's Aid and several other programmes for the young which would be announced later.

"There is a suggestion that soon I will launch the 1Malaysia book shop that will sell books cheaper than the other shops for the young generation so that they can develop a reading habit. Then, we want to set up 1Malaysia textile shop, much cheaper," he said.

Next week, the government would introduce a programme for the young based on the spirit of volunteerism called IMOU at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre for the young so that they could contribute in efforts to build and transform the country.

Najib said the young generation who were facing problems such as the 'Mat Rempit' would not be neglected when the government also implemented programmes to rehabilitate this group with the cooperation of the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia under the patronage of his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

He called on the young generation to acquire skills and to take note that some of them were earning an income of RM3,000 by selling cup cakes.

"Cup cakes are not that difficult to make, I too can make them but I don't have time as I have become the Prime Minister," he said.

At the function, Najib said he would assist the PPM to go down to the states as a partner of the government to implement the national transformation programme, especially for the young generation.

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