

**Najib Approves RM530,000 For Football Tournament Among Tamil Schools**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has approved RM530,000 for a football tournament among Tamil schools in the country, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri G. Palanivel.

Palanivel, who is the MIC president, said the objective of the "Road to England" project was to produce Malaysian Indian students who could pursue football as a career with their standards on par with the English players on a long term.

Towards that end, he handed over a RM530,000 cheque to Karen Barnes, the director of Ken Barnes Football Academy, at his office at Menara Dato' Onn here, today.

"This is the first time Tamil school students participate in the 'Road to England' football tournament," Palanivel told reporters after the cheque presentation ceremony.

The project, which is expected to start later this month, will be conducted among 523 Tamil schools in 11 venues across the country.

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