

**Malaysia Does Not Need Select Committee On ICPD-PoA - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Malaysia does not need a select committee on the achievement of the International Conference and Population Development Programme of Action (ICPD-PoA).

This is because Malaysia has achieved almost all targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 and committed to achieving MDG-Plus which also covers matters outlined in ICPD-PoA.

"Created by ICPD and adopted by 179 countries, ICPD-PoA did not set any goals. Its a guideline for countries in implementing programmes and activities on population and development," he said in a written reply to Fong Po Kuan (DAP-Batu Gajah) in parliament here Tuesday.

Fong wanted to know whether ICPD and MDG should be established comprising members of parliament to ensure that the targets are met.

Najib said Malaysia has met targets of MDG in 2000 and implemented population and development programmes based on guidelines in ICPD PoA action plan.

"Malaysia has succeeded in reducing poverty from 16.5 percent in 1990 to 3.8 percent in 2009 as a result of government development policies and strategies.

"We also do not practice gender discrimination in education and achieved an enrollment of over 97 percent in primary schools for both genders."

He said Malaysia has achieved almost all the MDG targets except one which is to stop the spread and eliminate HIV/AIDS by 2015.

The government is concerned about the effects and impact of HIV/AIDS to to the people and had created the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS 2011-2015.

Malaysia is also committed to the United Nations declaration in addressing HIV/AIDS in achieving zero HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related death.

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