

Najib To Launch Country's Third RTC In Melaka On Saturday
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is scheduled to launch the country's third rural transformation centre (RTC) in Melaka on Saturday, the Rural and Regional Development Ministry said in a statement today.

The first RTC was opened in Gopeng, Perak, on Feb 18 and the second in Kota Baharu, Kelantan, on May 4.

RTCs are one-stop facility centres for the benefit of nearby villages to undertake high value-added activities. The villagers can sell their agricultural produce; purchase consumer supplies and services at low prices; acquire skills and get trained in entrepreneur development programmes; obtain financial assistance and other services directly; and exchange information and knowledge.

The aim of setting up the RTCs is to enhance the quality of life in the rural areas in an integrated manner through the cooperation of various government agencies and the private sector, said the statement.

"The RTCs will intensify the economic activities of the rural entrepreneurs and enable them raise their income," it added.

The statement said the Rural and Regional Development Ministry and Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry spearheaded the implementation of programmes in the RTCs.

The Higher Education Ministry, Health Ministry, Finance Ministry and the respective state governments were also involved in the programmes, it added.

Various activities have been planned for Saturday's opening of the Melaka RTC, such as a performance by guest artistes, a handicraft demonstration and a personal grooming demonstration.

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