

**RTC Has Significant Impact On Rural Economy – Najib
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Both RTCs have attracted over three million customers with total sales worth RM291.5 million during the period, he added.

"Even when the RTCs have yet to complete the first year of operations, they have already shown tremendous success, and in years to come, the sales value will continue to rise," he said when opening the Melaka RTC in Kuala Linggi here Saturday.

Present were Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, and Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

The prime minister said the RTC, which came to fruition from creative and innovative thinking, would enable Malaysia to strive to compete with other countries economically.

"In the 21st century, we will be competing with other countries to achieve progress and greater success, while other countries are not in a static state for they are also making changes to move forward," he said.

Najib said a government that could think of remarkable ideas would make the nation become more successful.

For example, he said the Malaysian Fisheries Development Authority's building in Kuala Linggi, which had been upgraded into the Melaka RTC, was no longer giving merely limited services but comprehensive services to the rural population.

The Melaka RTC provides integrated facilities by housing several federal departments and agencies such as the Road Transport Department, the Immigration Department, the National Registration Department, the Malaysian Islamic Economic Development Foundation, Tekun Foundation, Pos Malaysia, a health clinic and AgroBank.

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