

**Malaysians Should Emulate OKU In Accomplishment, Perseverance - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- The accomplishments of differently-abled people (OKU) should be acknowledged and emulated by all Malaysians, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said many OKU, despite their daily physical and mental challenges, had proven their capabilities.

"Your accomplishments and perseverance should be acknowledged and emulated by all Malaysians, including myself.

"As an example, national paralympic athletes Hasihin Sanawi and Muhamad Ziyad Zolkefli, who won a silver medal and a bronze medal, respectively, in the recent Paralympic Games 2012, proved that they are capable of excellence, if given the opportunity," he said.

He said this in his latest Facebook entry, in conjunction with the International Day of People with Disability 2012, an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992.

While encouraging the OKU not to feel isolated in society, Najib said they should continue to be accorded equal opportunities to contribute to the country's progress, and to a civilised society.

In this regard, the prime minister said the government was mindful of the concerns of the OKU, and strove to address them, including in the aspect of employment, transport and other facilities.

"I hope, as we celebrate International Day of People with Disability, we, who are blessed with normal physical and mental characteristics, should give due recognition to the OKU for contributing to the development of the nation and society," he said.

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