

**Iskandar Malaysia Proves Government Truly Implements High Impact Projects And ETP - Najib
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JOHOR BAHRU, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- The rapid development taking place in Iskandar Malaysia and Johor proves that the government is actually implementing high-impact projects and the economic transformation programme (ETP) and not merely hyping up to gain public support.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said such projects should be continued to ensure that national aspirations were achieved.

"This is the government's commitment and I will ensure that the continuity of the project (Iskandar Malaysia) is maintained until it achieves the objective in 2020.

"Insya'Allah (God willing), the government will continue to endeavour with the support of all Malaysians to turn Malaysia into a developed nation with high income by the year 2020," he said here Thursday.

Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, said this in his speech which was read by Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman at the launching of the Puteri Harbour Family Theme Park, Nusajaya.

Najib said he took great pride in the fact that during the first six months of the implementation of Iskandar Malaysia, the impact and effects of the long-term project had begun to be felt.

He said this did not include the economic multiplier effects and the sustainable economic activities from the catalytic projects developed such as Educity, Legoland Malaysia and the Puteri Harbour Family Theme Park.

"Iskandar Malaysia is the most important national construction agenda, proof of the government's determination to transform Malaysia into a developed nation with high income in future," he said.

Iskandar Malaysia, which measures 2,217 sq km, would become a dynamic metropolis of world standard and a catalyst in the subsequent transformation process to all parts of the country, the prime minister said.

Since the economic corridor was launched six years ago until September this year, Najib said it had attracted almost RM100 billion in investments, with 40 per cent being foreign investments.

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