

**Najib: Malaysia to receive English teachers from India to improve language proficiency**  
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NEW DELHI: Indian nationals may soon be teaching English in Malaysia, in a bid to help alleviate the shortage of English teachers in Malaysia and to improve proficiency of the language.

"One of the suggestions I raised for the consideration of the Indian Prime Minister is for us to receive teachers in India who are fluent in English to teach our students in Malaysia.

"He welcomed the idea and will instruct the relevant ministry to hold discussions with the (Malaysian) Education Ministry to realise this," said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to the Malaysian media delegation after meeting his counterpart Manmohan Singh here.

Najib is in New Delhi to attend the two-day Asean-India Commemorative Summit, which celebrates 20 years of Asean-India relationship.

Najib said the move would enhance the Government's efforts to alleviate the shortage of English teachers and improve proficiency in the language.

Malaysia has a similar arrangement with the United States, where 75 American teachers are currently teaching English in Malaysia.

When asked how many Indian teachers would come to Malaysia, Najib said the Education Ministry would look into the details and discuss the matter with their Indian counterparts.

On another matter, Najib said more education roadshows would be held in India to promote Malaysia as a destination for tertiary education.

"They (India) send many of their students overseas, so maybe they can look at Malaysia as an alternative (destination) for quality education which is competitively priced," he said.

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