

Najib Reminds SMEs To Remember Government's Assistance
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak urged Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SME) to be dynamic and not forget the assistance and opportunities provided to them by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

He said the government had provided start-up loans to 250,000 SMEs through the Entrepreneur Group Economic Fund (TEKUN).

"Don't forget the government's help. Everyone gets the assistance, both those who support and don't support us. It's sad sometimes however, when we put in so much effort but get criticised for it.

"Most importantly , people now realise who has been helping them all this while. If we get the people's mandate, not only will TEKUN be able to generate thousands of entrepreneurs but the nation can achieve developed status as well," he said.

He was speaking at the opening of the 2013 TEKUN Nasional Entrepreneurs Convention and Expo, at the Putra World Trade Centre, here Saturday.

Also present were Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar and TEKUN Nasional managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Rahim Hassan.

Najib advised entrepreneurs to strategise their businesses well in order to expand to the international market.

He said business was similar to politics, in that all promises to customers must be delivered so that the companies' trustworthiness and reputation is maintained.

Najib presented the Excellent TEKUN Entrepreneur Award and Best TEKUN Community Entrepreneur Award at the event.

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