

Najib pitches more development to woo Perak vote
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BATU GAJAH, April 9 — Datuk Seri Najib Razak pleaded Barisan Nasional's (BN) case to Perak folk today by promising continued development and more progress in a state the pact rules with tenuous control.

After officiating the groundbreaking ceremony of China-based CSR ZhuZhou Electric Locomotive Company's RM400 million complex here, the prime minister said the project would not have been possible without BN and his the policy pledges of his government's New Economic Model (NEM).

The complex, set up for the manufacture and maintenance of rolling stock, is expected to strengthen Malaysia's position as a major rail industry player and generate jobs for 800 workers in the first phase of completion, Najib (picture) said.

"This is the use, and this is the result of supporting a government that has the ability to turn plans and policies into realities," he told a crowd of some 1,000 at the function this morning.

In contrast, Najib took a dig at the opposition, saying the promises listed in Pakatan Rakyat's (PR) manifesto were recycled ideas that were never delivered.

"Most of these promises have remained as mere promises although they had the opportunity to rule four states for the past five years," he said.

Najib also said that this project was not a one-off, and was led by a longer-term vision BN has for the country's development.

"I am certain we can turn this centre in Malaysia as a hub for locomotive technology in this region.

"The benefits are not just to consumers and the rakyat but also we can encourage new investments for the country," he said.

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