

**Boustead Chief Hails Najib's Astute Stewardship**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's astute stewardship has guided Malaysia on the path to achieving developed nation status by 2020.

Al-Hadharah Boustead REIT chairman Tan Sri Lodin Wok Kamaruddin hoped that the Barisan Nasional government under the leadership of Najib would be given a fresh mandate in the 13th General Election to lead the country for the next five years as he had done a fantastic job in transforming the Malaysian economy.

"As a corporate entity, we want to see a stable political environment prevailing in the country, strong leadership and the continuity of the various economic programmes by the present government to ensure that the agenda to transform this country to a developed nation status by 2020 can be achieved.

"If possible, not 2020 but earlier than that," he told reporters after the company's annual general meeting here Wednesday.

Lodin, who is also deputy chairman and group managing director of Boustead Holdings Bhd, said Najib had also transformed the government-linked companies (GLCs) into regional and global market players.

"Being part of the transformation programme, GLCs including Boustead, have benefitted tremendously from the Economic Transformation Programme and many other initiatives provided by the government.

"The close monitoring by the prime minister himself in ensuring all these programmes are properly being carried out or implemented, are in line with the government's own transformation programme, and I think this augured very well for us and the economy of this country.

"Therefore, we certainly would like to see the continuity of the various transformation programmes taking place under the leadership of Datuk Seri Najib," he added.

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