

Najib attends Dong Zong CNY do
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KAJANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak became the first prime minister to attend a Chinese New Year celebration organised by the United Chinese School Committees Association of Malaysia (Dong Zong) since its establishment 59 years ago.

Najib was received at 9.45am Sunday at the Dong Jiao Zong Higher Learning Centre, by Dong Zong chairman Dr Yap Sin Tian and several other representatives of the association.

Also present were MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong.

The prime minister took part in tossing yee sang and tried his hand at Chinese calligraphy.

The calligraphy session was also joined by Yap, Dong Zong deputy chairman Chow Siew Hon, United Chinese School Teachers Association (Jiao Zong) chairman Ong Chiow Chuen and Merdeka University Berhad chairman Foo Wan Thot.

Najib and over 5,000 guests then enjoyed the spread served while watching a cultural performance which included a lion dance, Chinese music, and traditional dances.

The crowd took the opportunity to shake hands with Najib as he left the function at about 10.30am.

The celebration was organised in collaboration with Jiao Zong, Merdeka University Berhad, United Chinese Associations of the Hulu Langat District, Dong Jiao Zong Higher Learning Centre, Chinese School Committee Associations from different states and New Era College.

When met by reporters, Chow said the prime minister's presence was a good start towards enhancing Chinese education in the country.

"The prime minister's presence at our function shows his sincerity and we are delighted with his presence," he said.

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