

**Najib: Government a true partner of the Indians**  
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PETALING JAYA: The Government will double its efforts and continue to be a real partner of the Indian community, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

“Together, we will deliver results that directly improve the quality of life of Malaysians, regardless of race.

“It is not important where we come from, but what is important is where we are going together.

“We look forward to a brighter future where everybody has a place under the Malaysian sun,” he said in his Vaisakhi, Vishu and Puthandu message posted on his blog <http://www.1malaysia.com.my/blog/happy-vaisakhi/> yesterday.

Najib said the Government had constantly engaged directly with the Indian community and implemented various programmes to transform the community.

“The Government is also committed to delivering all of our promises to the Indian community, as we have been doing over the last four years.

“The results are already being seen and there is more that needs to be done in what we call a work in progress.”

The Tamils celebrate the Tamil New Year and the Malayalees and the Sikhs, Vishu and Vaisakhi respectively today.

Vaisakhi commemorates the establishment of the Khalsa at Anandpur Sahib in 1699 by the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

The Vaisakhi celebrations began on Friday with the commencement of an Akhand Path, which is a 48-hour continuous recitation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, at gurdwaras nationwide.

MIC president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel, in his Vaisakhi, Vishu and Puthandu message, urged Malaysians to maintain good racial relations for continued peace.

“We have enjoyed harmony since independence and we have to ensure that it continues.

“We are in election mode and it is a challenging time. We need everybody's support to ensure continued stability and peace.

“The Prime Minister has great plans for the country and we must give him our full support so that the Government's plan can be carried out,” he said.

MIC deputy president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam called on the Indian community to be resilient and make use of the opportunities created by Najib to uplift its socio-economic status.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Associated Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry president Datuk K.K. Eswaran extended his wishes, adding that every cultural festival was deemed a national celebration and not restricted to one community.

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