

**Government Will Continue To Liberalise Key Sectors, Especially Services - Najib
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LONDON, July 4 (Bernama) -- The government will continue to liberalise key sectors, especially services, and do more to attract, retain and promote talent, so that Malaysian businesses and workers prosper in a fiercely competitive global economy, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"We will focus on those whose potential has not yet been fully realised - young people, women, and foreign talents," he said at a tea reception with Friends of Barisan Nasional UK (FBNUK) organised by Lord Sheikh of Coornhill (Mohd Iltaf Sheikh), a supporter of the FBNUK, at House of Lords, here Wednesday.

Present were Senior Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister for Faith and Communities Baroness Warsi (Sayeeda Hussain Warsi), Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Hugo Swire, and co-Founder and CEO of the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) Tan Sri Michael Yeoh.

Najib said the Barisan Nasional government would ensure that Malaysia's growth would be more focused and more relentless in the efforts to transform the country's economy and to deliver greater growth, more opportunity, and better governance.

"As Prime Minister, my ambition is to ensure our growth is inclusive and sustainable; to deliver on the promises we have made and to democratise our society," he said.

Najib said Malaysia was already one of the best places in the world to do business, "the country's economy is strong and growing, and we are attracting greater foreign investment than ever before, and our challenge is to build on this success."

He said the government would also make the changes needed to secure Malaysia's economic future by building a knowledge-based, services-led economy that escaped the 'middle income trap'.

"Stimulating domestic demand, rationalizing subsidies, and keeping our deficit in check. And investing in the people and the industries which will power long-term growth," he said.

Touching on the 13th General Election, he said Barisan Nasional secured a majority, but the party could have done better.

"Many did not understand everything we have done over the last four years - all of the reforms implemented - or everything we intend to do over the next term - our positive vision for Malaysia," he said.

Najib said it was time for BN to work harder than ever to win back those voters who felt they could not support us this time around.

He said despite glitches with the indelible ink, the election was peaceful, and despite extraordinary claims to the contrary, it was also free and fair.

"Across the political divide, Malaysians showed that their belief in democracy outshines their

commitment to any one party or creed," he added.

On the protests held after the GE-13, he said the police responded professionally, with a human touch although the rally organisers did not always follow proper procedures, which was regrettable.

"It would be better if they could find a way to express their opinions in line with the rule of law, rather than ramping up tension.

"But on the whole, the protests were peaceful and orderly. That is a tribute to the growing strength of Malaysia's democracy," he added.

Najib said, now, it was time to accept the result and move on.

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