

**Malaysia Greatly Appreciate Japan's Support For SAR Ops, Encouraging Words - Najib
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Datuk Seri Najib with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo AbeKUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Malaysia greatly appreciate Japan's support for the search and rescue (SAR) operations and encouraging words pertaining to the missing Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"Spoke to Japan premier Shinzo Abe yesterday. Malaysia greatly appreciate Japan's support for the SAR ops and encouraging words," said the Prime Minister in his tweet at @NajibRazak today.

The Embassy of Japan here in a statement issued last night said Abe, in a 10-minute telephone call at 5.30pm yesterday, told Najib that Japan would continue to support efforts by the Malaysian government in the SAR operations for the missing aircraft.

The statement said Abe also expressed his deep concern for the missing aircraft which has not been found so far despite intense search efforts.

Abe also stated that he appreciated Najib for assuming a strong leadership in such a difficult situation and expressed his willingness to continue supporting the efforts by Najib, it added.

The Boeing 777-200ER, which was en route to Beijing carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew on board, went missing about an hour after departing the Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 12.41am, on March 8.

It was scheduled to arrive in Beijing at 6.30am on the same day.

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