

## **Najib Shares GTP Success Stories Of Six Individuals**

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) - The success stories of six individuals received special mention from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

They were Chandrasekaran, Selvestone Junit, Wilson Bato Anak Tanggai, Dr Artiran Kaur, Chaang Tuck Cheong and Zulsuzina Sharif.

Najib said the six were examples of the success of the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP).

Chandrasekaran who operates a food stall in Melaka under the Azam Tani programme was cited under the National Key Result Area (NKRA) to improve the living standards of low income households.

"A stroke that affected his speech did not prevent Chandrasekaran from selling cendol and ais kacang on a tricycle to support eight family members.

"Their lives changed after joining the Azam Tani programme. Chandrasekaran's income has since doubled," he said in his speech at the launch of the GTP and ETP Annual Report at Wisma Angkasapuri, here tonight.

"Under the NKRA to improve rural development, comes the story of Selvestone from Kota Marudu, Sabah, who built a resort for foreign tourists and to create job opportunities.

"Selvestone won a Business Plan Contest organised by the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development and was given initial capital of RM500,000 to implement his business model.

"Today, Panorama Paradise Resort is the first eco-nature resort in Kota Marudu. I am told the resort can be booked via Facebook and is well received by tourists."

The other success story is that of Wilson and his longhouse community in Sri

Aman, Sarawak who enjoy better infrastructure in the form of water supply, housing and roads.

The prime minister said better living conditions have lead to improved socio-economic status after a fire destroyed the longhouse.

He also praised Dr Artiran for serving the people by seizing the opportunity to open a clinic under the 1Malaysia Clinic programme.

"Her clinic in Lembah Subang, Selangor provides services to patients from diverse backgrounds," he added.

The Retail Shop Transformation Programme (Tukar) under the business NKEA transformed Chaang's convenience store in Cheras.

Najib said business picked up after he was given advice on how to attract more customers and to get loans by a representative from a hypermarket.

He also shared the success story of Zulsuzina and her husband whose life changed after joining the Child Care and Early Education Programme under the Education NKEA.

"Their household income of RM2,200 per month was just enough for basic expenses. Via the Childcare and Early Education Programme, Zulsuzina opened a child care centre to increase income and provide early education to her two children."

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