

Najib Returns Home After Successful Three-day Official Visit to Kazakhstan
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ASTANA (Kazakhstan), May 24 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak left here tonight for home after a successful three-day official visit to Kazakhstan.

During the visit, the Prime Minister held discussions with Kazakhstan Prime Minister Karim Massimov and Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev to further enhance bilateral ties between the two countries.

On Friday, Najib was given the honour to deliver a keynote address at the Astana Economic Forum as a special guest of Nazarbayev.

Speaking to Malaysian journalists here Saturday, Najib said the success of the visit is reflected in the very warm friendships forged by the two sides, paving the way for even better bilateral ties.

"Among matters we agreed on were on trade, the total bilateral trade needs to increase substantially as it does not reflect the economic potential between our two countries.

"Three memorandums of understanding were signed -- for the construction of a LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) plant and a methanol plant, and for cattle breeding -- worth about US\$1.1 billion, which will offer opportunities to Malaysian entrepreneurs in the resource-rich country, and this will also widen Malaysia's role in Kazakhstan and the region," he said.

Accompanying him in this visit were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh and Tourism and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

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