

**Malaysia's Healthcare Records Strong Growth Over The Last Decade - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's healthcare industry has recorded strong growth over the last decade driven primarily by local consumption of healthcare products and services, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

In his latest posting on his Facebook account today, he said under the government's Economic Transformation Programme, growing the country's healthcare industry is a vital National Key Economic Area (NKEA).

"Our focus is to ensure that the rakyat (people) have accessibility to quality yet affordable medical care.

"I strongly encourage government and private sector healthcare providers collaboration to offer an even more comprehensive range of health and medical products and services," Najib added.

He said, to date, 37 project owners were expected to create 26,628 new jobs and generate an income of RM6.66 billion as well as RM4.86 billion worth of new investments.

A total of 17 Entry Point Projects (EPPs) were identified to help meet the goals of the Healthcare NKEA, Najib added.

"Of the 37 projects, 12 have already been completed and the rest in various stages of development, to bring the progress of healthcare NKEA at 14.7 per cent against 181,000 jobs, 18.9 per cent against its target of 35.3 billion GNI (growth national income) and 28.2 per cent against 17.2 billion investments according to the 2020 deadline," he said.

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