

**Tabung Haji An Inspiration to Muslim World - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak said Lembaga Tabung Haji's success in managing haj pilgrims and becoming a leading Syariah-compliant fund manager in the world is an inspiration and example to the rest of the Muslim world.

Expressing his pride in Tabung Haji's success, the prime minister congratulated depositors who entrusted Tabung Haji and its employees for the efforts rendered.

"Without the efforts and contributions of its employees, Tabung Haji will not be a great Islamic institution as can be seen today," he said when launching a coffee-table book on Tabung Haji to mark its 50th anniversary here Thursday night.

Published with the cooperation of the Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama), the 197-page book entitled "TH - Citra Kejayaan Malaysia" documented Tabung Haji's evolution and achievements since its inception in 1963.

Najib expressed his confidence that Tabung Haji would find ways to improve its services ranging from haj pilgrimage management, savings and investments to enable it to continue to be an institution that champion the welfare of Muslims.

"Hence, Tabung Haji's initiative to publish a coffee-table book to record its 50 years of achievements is an appropriate step.

"Significant events during the evolution of Tabung Haji can be documented so that the success story can be told and used as a reference by future generations," he said.

Published in Malay and English, the book features black and white as well as colour pictures and contains seven chapters, namely The Beginning, History of Haj, The Road to Success, Serving the Interest of Depositors, The Spiritual Journey, Empowering Growth, and Staying Strong.

The book is written by a team of Bernama journalists headed by its Editor-in-Chief Datuk Zulkefli Salleh and aided by a translator, five researchers, six page designers, a photo editor, and a project manager.

The photographs were contributed by Tabung Haji, Bernama, the National Archive Department, and several organisations from within and outside the country.

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