

**#ASEAN: ASEAN To Hold More Discussion On China's Maritime Silk Road Policy - Najib Bernama**  
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LANGKAWI, April 28 (Bernama) -- ASEAN needs to hold more discussions with the Chinese government on its proposal for the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"We are supportive of the Chinese proposal and will have more discussions on it," Najib told a media conference here on Tuesday.

He was asked to comment on how China's proposal on the "One Belt and One Road" would benefit the ASEAN countries.

China unveiled on Saturday the principles, framework, and cooperation priorities as well as mechanism for the proposal, in a bid to enhance regional connectivity and embrace a brighter future together.

The Belt and Road routes run through the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa, while connecting the vibrant East Asia and developed European economic circles.

Najib had earlier chaired the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit and the 9th Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit here.

He said, the outcome of the both summits, reaffirmed the importance of ASEAN growth as building blocks in realising the ASEAN Community by year-end.

On the ASEAN retreat session held here yesterday, Najib said ASEAN leaders shared and exchanged views on various issues of regional and international importance, among others, ASEAN centrality, the impact of an economic slowdown on the region and climate change and disaster management.

The 26th ASEAN Summit was held in Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi.

It adopted three declarations, namely the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on a People-Oriented, People-Centred ASEAN, Langkawi Declaration on the Global Movement of Moderates, and Declaration on Institutionalising the Resilience of ASEAN and its Communities and People to Disasters and Climate Change.

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