

**Sarawakians Sincere In Supporting Government – Najib
Bernama
June 16, 2015**

KUCHING, June 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today commended the people of Sarawak, especially the Dayak community who represented the state's majority race as a group that really understood the meaning of reciprocal kindness and sincerity in supporting the government.

Najib, the Prime Minister who has visited Sarawak the most frequently compared to other previous prime ministers, was confident the support was given because this group believed that the government led by him provided a wider scope for each and every community to progress together.

"I am determined, we must not allow any community, big or small, to feel being marginalised or neglected from the mainstream development of the nation," he said at the 59th Sarawak Dayak National Union (SDNU) anniversary dinner at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK) here.

According to him what was needed by every community was to become more progressive to enable them to feel as part of the nation and Malaysia could not become a great nation if every community were not united.

Najib said he could chose to only be in his office in Putrajaya to hear briefings and read reports on the needs of Sarawak but in reality it was not the same as compared to going down to the ground to meet the people at the grassroots level to hear their pulse.

He then proceeded to list several matters considered to be very much required by the people of Sarawak, including the Dayak community by placing infrastructure development, particularly in the rural areas, as a top priority followed by educational opportunities and the settling of the Sarawak native customary rights (NCR) land issue.

According to Najib, he had numerous discussions with Sarawak Chief Minister Sarawak Tan Sri Adenan Satem regarding the matter and assured that the federal government would cooperate with the state government to address it.

Early this month, the prime minister in his Facebook and Twitter accounts said: "Nobody can question the birth rights of Sarawak Bumiputera".

In the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP) that he tabled recently, he had, among others, focused on the issuance of NCR land rights to Pribumi and Sabah and Sarawak Bumiputera to encourage land development using modern technology via government agencies.

He said smallholders in Sarawak must also be given the opportunity to involve themselves in entrepreneurship to uplift their living standards and, thus, assist in rural development.

He was also optimistic of the cooperation of organisations such as SDNU, with more opportunities being opened to Dayaks to hold high posts in the government and private sectors.

SDNU, a non partisan non governmental body, is the umbrella for the Dayak community with a membership of over 30,000 besides having 100,000 members from affiliated clubs aimed at implementing a moderate but progressive approach in the interest of the community.

Also present were Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem and several state cabinet ministers.

After the function, the prime minister and wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor is scheduled to depart for the federal capital having concluded a two-day working visit to Sarawak.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2015 BERNAMA

Source : <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v8/newsindex.php?id=1144786>