

**Government To Approve Allocation For Perlis To Develop Further - PM
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KUALA PERLIS, May 30 (Bernama) -- The federal government will approve suitable allocation for Perlis to ensure that the state can develop further, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

He said among the projects approved for Perlis in the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP) were the Perlis Inland Port (PIP), Chuping Valley and the logistic hub in Padang Besar.

"Besides, the federal government will also approve the allocation for the construction of a hospital in Padang Besar, which estimated to cost RM81 million," he told a press conference after opening the presentation ceremony of the Desa Sejahtera 1Malaysia 2014 Award here Saturday.

Najib said the allocation for the Chuping Valley project would be finalised later, but it was estimated at RM568 million, while the allocation for the PIP project was estimated at RM200 million.

"These are the allocations that I have approved to ensure that Perlis will develop further and undergo the transformation as what we planned and hoped," he said.

Earlier in his speech, the prime minister said the government would continue giving extra attention to rural development to ensure that the country's wealth were fairly distributed.

"We practise what is deemed as fair and just approach in economic growth and distribution of wealth. If our economy is not growing, we will not be able and cannot make any distribution of wealth," he said.

For example, he said with the current growth rate of six per cent, the government was capable of distributing the country's wealth and provided bigger allocation to rural development.

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