

Smart move to take part in Milan expo, says PM
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Malaysia's decision to participate in Expo Milano 2015 has yielded results not only in terms of tourism but also in business, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said with the government's moderate expenditure, compared with other countries' participating in the world's biggest expo, the returns would be felt in the long term.

The expo, which started from May 1 and ending on October 30, would expose Malaysia's investment and trade opportunities, he said in Milan.

Najib said to date, 2.4 million people had visited the Malaysian Pavilion, representing 15% of the total visitors to the expo.

The figure was higher than the projected 1.6 million visitors.

Local newspaper, Corriere della Sierra, said the Malaysian pavilion was a hit with visitors.

The paper's study showed that Malaysian food and food products were the third most delicious after Italy and Colombia, he said.

"The food sales at the pavilion raked in RM1.7 million and products from small and medium enterprises, including ready-to-cook meals, recorded sales of RM1 million."

Najib said the glue-laminated timber used in the construction of the Malaysia Pavilion has gained access into European Union countries for the first time since it was environmentally friendly. – Bernama, October 4, 2015.

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