

Cooperative Movement Should Be Catalyst for Economic Growth, Local Community Prosperity

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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- The cooperative movement should be a catalyst to generate economic activities and boost prosperity apart from driving the local economy, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Najib, who is also Koperasi Profesional Putrajaya Bhd (Koprojaya) patron, said cooperatives should also be the platform to develop the capability of members in leadership, teamwork, team building and career development.

"Apart from improving economic resources, cooperatives can also play the role of assisting in the welfare of members especially when buying the first house, first vehicle and starting a family," he said at a "Koprojaya Gathering with the Prime Minister" event at Seri Perdana here today.

Also present were the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, who is also Koprojaya advisor, and Koprojaya chairman Muhammad Ammir Haron.

In his speech, the Prime Minister commended Koprojaya for being active in organising various programmes despite being newly set up.

"The success of Koprojaya is a feather in the cap because as leaders who will be holding senior positions in the civil service, the experience attained in the cooperative movement will become very valuable when sitting in more senior positions," he said.

At the function today, the Prime Minister also presented letters of appreciation to Koprojaya members who assisted the cooperative voluntarily since it was set up in January 13 2013.

Now, Koprojaya has 509 members comprising young civil servants from various ministries, agencies and government bodies.

Among the successes of Koprojaya so far are the setting up of Tabung Amal Koprojaya (Tamar) which enabled the cooperative to provide financial assistance to members undergoing surgery, affected by disasters or suffered loss of family members apart from marriage and birth incentives.

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