

PM Calls for Delivery System Upgrade at Historical Memorials, Galleries
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- Memorials and galleries showcasing national history have been asked to upgrade their delivery system from a static to a more interactive to improve its effectiveness.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the initiative was not only in line with the development of technology, but also a method that could lure more visitors to the memorials and galleries.

"We want to make the Tun Abdul Razak Memorial, as well as other memorials and galleries, more interesting, and for that, we need not only static materials (exhibition and information), but also interactive items.

"That will suit the current trend which the young generation of today would say very cool," he said when launching the Tun Abdul Razak Memorial Interactive Gallery here Thursday.

He said it was hoped that with the interactive delivery system in place, it would attract more visitors, locally and abroad, to visit the many historical memorials and galleries in the country.

Meanwhile, the prime minister said the effort to establish a memorial for the country's previous leaders were not only aimed at remembering their deeds and contributions, but also to provide a source of reference for the young generation.

He said today's generation should be exposed to more information about previous leaders to remind them that what they enjoyed today was a result of efforts taken by the previous generation.

"I also see this initiative as an effort to give a new meaning to the prime minister institution which is the main pillar of national administration.

"That means whoever holds the office of the prime minister, he is also responsible for the prime minister institution, to be supported by us, respected by us, because if we do this, our country will be stronger and respected," he said.

Najib also hoped that the National Archives Department, which manages the Tun Abdul Razak Memorial, would be able to manage the premises to the best of its ability as it was the place where many items, full of memories with his father, the late Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, were kept.

"I hope all the items will be preserved to stand the test of time as national treasure and heritage," he said.

The Tun Abdul Razak Memorial, which is located at Jalan Perdana here and formerly known as Bangunan Sri Taman, was the official residence of Tun Abdul Razak from 1962 to 1976 and also the place where Najib, who is the eldest son of Tun Abdul Razak, grew up and created memories with his father.

The building was turned into a memorial in 1982 to commemorate the life and sacrifices done by Tun Abdul Razak who was appointed as the second Prime Minister of Malaysia from 1970 to 1976.

Measuring 1,200 sq metres, the memorial houses 1,650 of Tun Abdul Razak's personal items, categorised into biography, personal, politics and education sections.

Today marked the 40th year of the death of the statesman who had made various contributions in forming the foundation for Malaysia's development through the policies introduced during his tenure, including the New Economic Policy, the establishment of FELDA and the Razak Report which set the direction of national education.

For his success and contributions, Tun Abdul Razak was called Malaysia's Father of Development.

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