

**A More Successful Petronas Good for Sarawak, Nation - PM  
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BINTULU, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- Petronas can play a bigger role in the development of Sarawak and the nation if it attains greater success, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

For this reason, the Prime Minister said he wants Petronas to be more successful as it is "the goose that lays the golden eggs for the nation".

He said this when addressing Petronas employees in Sarawak at the Civic Centre in conjunction with the national-level Malaysia Day 2016 celebration here.

Present were Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem, Petronas chairman Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan, Petronas President and Group Chief Executive Datuk Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin and over 1,000 Petronas employees.

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Najib said the current world oil scenario had presented Petronas with a difficult and challenging situation.

But he was confident it could prevail when the people were together.

"We must have this spirit of togetherness that we must build upon. There will be differences of opinions but we can sit down to amicably resolve them.

"Then we will be in an even stronger position," he said, adding that this was what the Sarawak state and federal governments and Petronas had done recently.

"We are not going to be too parochial because if we focus too much on this issue we will miss the big picture of Petronas becoming successful globally and not just at home," he said.

"We must be together. We can be together if we take account of the interest of Sarawak, the nation and Petronas itself.

"We can harmonise them for our mutual benefits," he said.

Najib also said that Petronas would continue to give opportunities to Sarawakians going far in Petronas based on merit.

"After all we want Sarawakians serving in Petronas in Kuala Lumpur and outside the country to be successful.

"When they are successful, Petronas will be successful and when it is successful the nation will benefit. The government will pour back to the people whatever it gets for development purposes," he said.

"If you have the capability, you should be promoted to higher positions," he stressed.

Recently, Petronas faced some staffing problems in Sarawak when some employees were denied work permits but the matter was later amicably resolved.

Meanwhile, Najib also reiterated his commitment to help Sarawak to develop and to be on par with states in Peninsular Malaysia.

"I am committed to see more development for Sarawak. You do not have to worry about your future," he said.

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