

**Archbishop Fernandez's Appointment A True Honour, Recognition for Malaysia - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has congratulated Archbishop Emeritus of Kuala Lumpur, Anthony Soter Fernandez for his appointment as a cardinal by Pope Francis.

"Congratulations to his eminence Rev Archbishop Anthony Soter Fernandez for being appointed as a cardinal by the Pope.

"Archbishop Fernandez's appointment is a true honour for Malaysia and recognition of our multi-cultural society," Najib said in his latest Twitter account today.

Fernandez, 84, is Malaysia's first ever cardinal to be named by the Pope in Vatican City on October 9.

He is among 17 new cardinals elevated to the second highest rank within the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

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