

**Malaysia May Consider Sending More Students to Germany - Najib
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BERLIN, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysia may consider sending more of its citizens to further their studies in Germany, said Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Currently, there are 634 registered Malaysian students in Germany.

"I take the point that tuition fees are free in Germany and the only barrier is language and, if you master a degree of proficiency in the German language, then sending students to Germany are very viable for us to consider.

"I will take it up and look into the possibility of diverting some students to Germany in the future," he said at a dinner with Malaysians in Germany hosted by the Malaysian Embassy here on Tuesday night.

Najib also praised Malaysian students here, saying they were doing very well in their respective studies and fields.

I am proud to know that you are doing well and I am proud to know that our students are doing well in Germany, he said.

Also present at the dinner were Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong and Malaysia's Ambassador to Germany Datuk Zulkifli Adnan.

Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, encouraged Malaysians residing in Germany to adopt good values such as discipline and the sense of not giving up, and to bring these back to Malaysia to help spur the country to greater heights.

I can appreciate some of the traits that the Germans possess that have led them to be one of the most successful nations, amongst them, being very disciplined, focused and self-disciplined and having a sense of not giving up and also working as a team, he said.

Najib cited the German football team as an example of strong teamwork, saying this made them a team difficult to beat in every tournament.

Najib said Germany was a team to beat in every football tournament because "when the Germans get together it is a collection of very strong team spirit."

"These are some of the characteristics of the German people that can be assimilated into Malaysian culture.

These are some of the things we can assimilate as our culture. We can learn from them and, being

here, you must learn something. And when you come back home, you will come back home with something extra.

We can become a stronger nation as a result of such adoption, he said.

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