

Najib Praises Obama for Boosting US-ASEAN Relations
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has praised United States President Barack Obama for enhancing US-ASEAN relations under his presidency.

"Under his leadership, US-ASEAN relations, particularly with Malaysia became much stronger in various aspects like trade, security and many others," Najib said in latest posting on his Facebook today.

Najib also expressed confidence that the good relations which had been of mutual benefit to ASEAN and the US would be continued by Obama's successor.

Obama's attendance at the just concluded 28th and 29th ASEAN and Related summits in Laos was his last as the 44th President of the United States, which will see the superpower elect its next president in November.

Obama was voted in as President of the United States in 2008 and re-elected in 2012. US presidents can only serve a maximum of two terms (four years each).

Najib also uploaded a photograph of Obama with him and several other leaders who attended the summits.

Meanwhile, Najib also shared his pleasant experience meeting with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, State Counsellor of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi and Laos President Bounnhang Vorachith at the opening of the ASEAN Summits.

"Thank you for the hospitality, Laos, and I am confident that we will grow stronger economically and advance together with other member nations as one integrated community.

"I also look forward to President Duterte's visit to Malaysia soon," he said.

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