

## **Najib Visits Malaysian-Owned Bakery In Manila**

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MANILA, April 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today took time off from his busy schedule to visit the Naah!im Bakery, a Malaysian-owned enterprise in the city.

"This is the kind of young entrepreneurs we want to support. We should encourage more of them to try and be adventurous.

"They have recovered their capital within nine months," Najib said after spending 45 minute at the bakery.

Located at the Belmont Hotel at Manila's Entertainment Centre, Resorts World, Naah!im Bakery started as a conceptual idea to bring varieties of food and beverages, particularly boulangerie, western and Asian delicacies to all the major cities on the continent.

It serves almost 50 types of bread which changes daily on the bread counter.

"To be honest, we also serve Malaysian food as well. I think we are the first to introduce Malaysian food here," Ungku Raad Azeraai Ungku Mohd, 39, a partner in the bakery, told the prime minister when asked how they had made themselves distinctive.

He also explained that the types of bread served was totally different from that available in the market.

It is understood that Ungku Raad and his three other partners, Ahmad Ferman Tjandra Ahmad, Mohd Kurniawan Naim Moktar and Mohd Farez Yusof plan to spread their wings further in the Philippines.

Explaining, Ungku Raad said about RM1 million had been invested in the business.

"We have been in operation for about nine months now and the bakery was opened in December last year," he said.

On the expansion plans, he said there are discussions on supplying to airlines as well as opening independent kiosks within Manila, with plans to bring the franchise to Malaysia, especially Johor Bharu.

Meanwhile, on his Facebook posting, Najib praised the four young entrepreneurs by uploading a picture of the appetising items served at the bakery with a caption saying, "Supporting four young entrepreneurial Malaysians who have opened a very successful bakery in Metro Manila and samples of their pastries (with a thumbs-up emoji sign)".

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