

## **Without Malaysian Indians, Malaysia Would Not Be What It Is Today – PM**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Indians have played a vital role in building the country, as they have always been at the forefront of governance, civil service, business, entertainment, education, and food production, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Addressing the audience of the 2017 Asian Business Leaders Conclave here tonight, Najib said without the community, Malaysia simply would not be what it is today, and they were the reason why it was so natural for Malaysia and India to forge ever closer and friendlier relations.

"The Malaysian Indians are a crucial part of our unique diversity, and their cultures and faiths help make up the rich and varied tapestry of our nation -- many races and religions, but one Malaysia.

"Recognising their contributions, we launched the Malaysian Indian Blueprint in April this year, and I am confident that this ten-year plan will play a key role in empowering all sections of the Indian community in Malaysia,"Najib said in his keynote address.

The two-day conclave, organised by India-based The Economic Times, gathered together thought leaders and government and business leaders from all around Asia to further the cause of greater economic integration between emerging and leading countries in this region.....

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