

# PM walks the talk in facing global headwinds

**PACKED ITINERARY:** He attends 3 events that highlight nation's economic fortitude

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**T**HE presence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at three events yesterday shows the government's commitment in facing global economic challenges.

He officiated at the 31-storey International Trade and Industry Ministry (MITI) Tower before meeting Bumiputera entrepreneurs. The ministry is the primary agency tasked with steering the economic sector.

Najib then visited the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC), developed by Naza TTDI Sdn Bhd, signalling a conducive way forward for collaborations between the government and private sector to stimulate the economy.

MITEC, which is expected to be completed in June, is the result of a joint effort between the government and private sector.

The RM342 million MITI Tower covered a 3ha area and served as an additional attraction for multinational companies to invest in the

country, said the Prime Minister's Office.

Najib said it was important for agencies, such as the Malaysian Investment Development Authority and Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation, to play their role in monitoring the quality of investments to ensure they remained relevant in the current economy. He added that efforts were ongoing to boost the country's export volume.

Najib spent time with more than 600 participants in the Tunas Usahawan Belia Bumiputera programme. He had mooted the programme in 2014 to increase the income of Bumiputera youth.

He encouraged young Bumiputeras to use entrepreneurship as a means to lift themselves out of the bottom 40 per cent (B40) of household income category.

The Prime Minister's Office said Najib was committed to efforts to spur the nation's economy, and was appreciative of the involvement of public and private agencies, including their initiatives to help the B40 group.