

Najib joins 250 in 3km Torch Run

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak ignited the spirit of the 2017 Kuala Lumpur Sea Games (KL2017) by taking part in the Torch Run yesterday.

Najib, who joined 250 selected participants in the 3km run, signed the KL2017 Pledge Car with the message "Negaraku bangkit bersama" (Rise together, my country).

The public also had the opportunity to pen supportive messages for Malaysian athletes on the Peugeot 208 Pledge Car, which has been making stops across the country since May.

Torch Run participants set off

at 9am, with Naza World of Companies group executive chairman Datuk SM Faisal SM Nasimuddin receiving the torch from three-time Sea Games gold medallist and two-time world silat champion Mohd Al Jufferi Jamari.

The torch was then passed to Naza TTDI Group deputy executive chairman SM Faliq, before being handed over to Naza Corporation Holdings group executive chairman SM Nasarudin.

The runners comprised athletes, para athletes and employees of Naza Group, Peugeot Malaysia, Petronas and the Youth and Sports Ministry, who were cheered on by supporters along

the route from Persiaran KLCC to Naza Tower.

Accompanying Najib at the Naza Tower finish line were his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin and Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

Najib, who received the torch, handed it over to former javelin national record holder and Paralympic coach Norsham Yoon,

who will continue the Torch Run.

The Torch Run, which is being held in conjunction with KL2017, is traversing iconic locations in the country from May

14 to Aug 12.

Torchbearers were chosen to represent the country's diversity.

The torch will proceed on its journey across the capital city, which is in its final leg, before the start of KL2017.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak cheering after handing over the torch to former javelin national record holder and Paralympic coach Norsham Yoon. (centre) in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him is his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.



Participants warming up before the Torch Run in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD