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## 'Take up federal posts'

Najib wants to see more Sabahans broaden their experience

**KOTA KINABALU:** More Sabahans should take up opportunities available in the federal civil service, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

"I would like to see more Sabahans in the (federal) civil service, this is our hope" the Prime Minister said in his speech at the opening of the RM120mil National Institute of Public Administration (Intan) Sabah Campus in Tuaran here.

Responding to calls by local leaders to have more Sabahans heading federal departments and agencies in the state, Najib said he was informed that 37 of the 80 federal departments and agencies were currently headed by officers of Sabah origin.

He said Sabahans must also take up postings in Putrajaya as it would give them a chance to come up the ranks and broaden their experience.

"I hope they will also be given chances under cross-fertilisation programmes with positions in government-linked companies," he said.

Najib also urged the civil service to keep abreast with the latest developments and adopt new ideas to meet the needs of the country's agenda of becoming a high-income and developed nation by 2020.

"The challenge is whether we can provide maximum returns with limited resources," he said, adding that the civil service was a facilitator for the private sector who would be the engine of growth.

He said Intan, as the premier training arm of the civil service, should be able to produce civil servants who would be able to embrace changes to meet the needs of the country.