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PM: Be wary of social media leaks

NEED FOR CAUTION: Sensitive info may find its way into blogs, PM warns diplomats

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday reminded diplomats to be careful about what they say in the social media.

In his keynote address at the Eighth Heads of Mission conference here, Najib said while being active on social media was important, confidential information could be leaked to the public without one realising it.

“The use of social media is a prerequisite in this current times. However, we need to be careful because sensitive information can quickly find its way into blogs,” Najib said.

He also highlighted the need for Malaysia to embrace its position as one of the regions “middle powers”.

Najib defined middle powers as states which rarely act alone but have a systematic and significant impact in a group or through international institutions.

“As a middle power, we should

play a greater part in Asia as well as helping Asia play a greater part in the world.”

“It also means continuing our commitment to Asean. We sink or swim with our region.”

Najib added that Malaysia needed to devote adequate resources in strengthening bilateral relations with neighbouring nations.

“If we do not have an influential voice here, we will not have an influential voice anywhere.”

Najib also paid tribute to diplomats for playing their part in peacekeeping and establishing new relationships with other nations.

He said despite being a young nation by world standards, Malaysia had already exerted considerable international influence.

“As Malaysia’s chief representatives abroad, every one of you has a unique role. In your hands rest the task of ensuring our nation stands proud in the world.”

Present were Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and his deputy, Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin.



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** greeting heads of missions after opening a conference on Transforming Malaysia’s Diplomacy Towards 2020 and Beyond at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations. Behind the prime minister is Foreign Affairs Minister **Datuk Seri Anifah Aman** and his deputy **Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin**. Pic by Yazit Razali