

# You have a dream

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## Strive to be quality professionals, Najib tells UiTM undergrads

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**SHAH ALAM:** Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has urged undergraduates of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) to be visionary in their pursuit to become quality professionals.

He said this was envisioned by his late father Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, who often mentioned the institution in his speeches.

He said the second prime minister's hope was for UiTM students to have excellent minds and the far-sighted-

ness to prosper.

"I hope this vision is fully appreciated by everyone here, and that it would propagate the creation of quality professionals at all times," Najib said at the launch of the university's Tun Abdul Razak Gallery.

Najib said the process of making UiTM a successful institution was long and never-ending.

"We have to continue to strive, as well as find ways, to further strengthen UiTM," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

He added that the onus was also on

UiTM graduates to become quality professionals.

"Today, we must take steps to bring forth not merely accountants but certified accountants, not only doctors but specialist doctors, not merely architects but certified architects," said Najib.

UiTM graduates must not only be employable, but must also possess qualities that would make them leaders, pioneers and catalysts to change the fate of their race and to ensure that the Malays reached the pinnacle of success, he said.

He said past leaders had struggled to form the institution, then known as the Rural and Industrial Development Authority (RIDA) Training Centre, for the Malays 50 years ago.

This was when the Malay community was still struggling due to poverty and other economic inadequacies.

"Imagine how difficult it must have been to start something (like this) from scratch," added Najib.

"Because of this we have today an institution which is the pride of the Malay race and of the country," he said.