

# PM: Reading about icons can fuel aspirations

**POWERFUL MESSAGE:** Najib hopes more Malaysians will indulge in the habit

**PRIME MESSAGE:** Prime Minister Najib Razak said he cherishes the rare moments when he can spend time to read his choice of books.

Najib said he recently acquired a copy of the late Steve Job's biography and added that biograph-

ical accounts of public figures, history and strategic thinking were among his preferred reading topics since he was young.

"A quick glance around my library will show you that not much has changed; my reading preferences still veer towards non-fiction writings," he said in his iMalaysia blog post yesterday.

Najib said although fictitious sto-

ries could spur the imagination, non-fiction books underlined the powerful message of the "true human condition".

"These are narratives rooted in real situations, real trials and triumphs, experienced by people like us, not constructs of our imagination.

"In turn, they inspire numerous reinterpretations in print, on screen, and on stage, which I'm sure most of you can name at least a few."

He said one's aspirations could be fuelled by reading about icons like former South African presi-

dent Nelson Mandela, former British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, along with best-selling author/journalist Malcolm Gladwell and business strategists W. Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne.

Najib said he hoped that Malaysians would indulge in reading as often as possible.

"I certainly miss the pleasures of reading a good book from time to time," he said.

He also called for his blog readers to make reading recommendations in their comments as "it would be interesting to see what Malaysians are reading nowadays".



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