

Perdana Putra earns platinum ratings in green building index

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak and Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin at the GBI Platinum Certification handing over ceremony at Kompleks Perdana Putra, Sept 8, 2014. BERNAMA

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak today announced that Kompleks Perdana Putra has achieved a Platinum rating in the Green Building Index (GBI).

Najib said the achievement would make Perdana Putra one of the most energy-efficient buildings in this country besides being categorised as a High Performance Green Building.

"It is my intention that this project will become a catalyst for similar initiatives right across Malaysia," he said at the GBI Platinum Certification handing over ceremony here today.

Platinum rating is the higher building performance rating according to GBI Non Residential Existing Building rating tool. This is the first successful large scale upgrading of an existing building on a private finance initiative module undertaken by KFM Holdings Sdn Bhd.

GBI is Malaysia's recognised green rating tool for building to promote sustainability in the built environment and raise awareness among developers, architects, engineers, planners, designers, contractors and the public.

Perdana Putra is now approximately one third more energy-efficient than it was before. Najib said beyond Perdana Putra, he would like to see the entire city of Putrajaya transformed into a green, smart and connected city that would showcase Malaysia's economic and technological advancement.

"Energy-efficiency projects save money. And investing in low-carbon technologies creates wealth and opportunities for Malaysia.

"As evidenced by the thousands of good jobs created in Malaysia by the solar power and LED lighting industries," he said. – Bernama