

CORPORATED MANAGEMENT / HUMAN RESOURCES

PAPER: NEW STRAITS TIMES (PRIME NEWS)

DATE: 29 AUGUST 2012

PAGE: 02

PM: Civil servants must create, innovate

KUALA LUMPUR: Public servants should equip themselves with creativity and innovation, as these skills were yardsticks to measure success, said the prime minister yesterday.

"To achieve that, one must overcome two challenges faced by every society — how to create new wealth and, second, how to establish our competitive edge.

"Then, we must break the wall of impossibility to realise our vision and to conquer the hearts of the people," Datuk Seri Najib Razak said during the Prime Minister's Innovative Awards presentation ceremony at the National Heart Institute (IJN) here yesterday.

The institute won the award for last year, which carried a prize of RM1 million. Previous winners included the Inland Revenue Board in 2009 and the Royal Malaysia Police, together with the Armed Forces, in 2010.

It is given by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department.

Najib also visited patients at the intensive care unit and later opened the institute's mobile clinic: a trailer with medical equipment to serve people in rural areas.

IJN chief executive officer Tan Sri Dr Robaayah Zambahari said the win came as an added bonus on the 20th anniversary of IJN. Present were Najib's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.