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Haj sponsorships for 400

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PUTRAJAYA: A total of 400 imams and village security and development committee members received sponsorships and gifts for their upcoming haj pilgrimage from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak yesterday.

Their trip is sponsored by Yayasan iMalaysia Development Berhad (iMDB), which gave RM4 million; and Tabung Haji Corporation, which gave RM2 million.

"This year, we have 400 recipients of the sponsorship

programme," Najib said before handing out the sponsorship letters. "The subsidy provided for each recipient amounts to RM15,000 this year."

"When there are profits made by iMDB, the money can be used for good causes such as the haj," Najib added.

He said the government had always stayed true to Islamic principles when ruling the country. "By doing this, it means ensuring Islamic principles in our morals, faith and administration, among others.

"In this manner, the nation can move forward and achieve greater heights," Najib said.