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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has been honoured with the Master Builders Association Malaysia's Special Gold Award 2014 in recognition of his contribution to the nation's construction industry.

"Under the Prime Minister, the industry has achieved the highest growth and output ever in Malaysia's history, with 18.1% in 2012," said MBAM president Matthew Tee.

He also noted the jump in annual value of new contracts from RM90bil to RM120bil.

"The construction industry has benefited from the roadmap charted under the Government's Economic Transformation Programme.

"The industry has largely been spurred by Government spending to build and improve the country's

infrastructure through projects such as the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), property and highways," said Tee, who presented the award to Najib at the Perdana Putra building in Putrajaya yesterday.

Also present were MBAM deputy president Foo Chek Lee, vice-president Datuk Seri Sufri Mohd Zin and immediate past president Kwan Foh Kwai.

Tee hailed Najib's willingness to award high-stakes projects such as the Light Rail Transit and MRT projects to local contractors.

"The projects give local contractors the opportunity to expand our expertise and capability. This will enhance the export readiness of our construction stakeholders and spur domestic economic output," he said.



Special Gold Award: Najib receiving the award from Tee in the presence of Kwan. — Bernama