KL-Beijing milestone
Najib and Wen launch 55 sq km Qinzhou industrial park

Impressive endeavours
Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Manor, Wen and other guests viewing a model of the Qinzhou Industrial Park in Nanning. Bernama

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QINZHOU: Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak was impressed by the speedy approval and work progress by the Chinese government for the China-Malaysia Qinzhou Industrial Park that he coined the term “Qinzhou speed”.

"Today I learned a new term, that is Qinzhou speed. So, when I want a project to be completed fast, I will say it must be implemented at the speed of Qinzhou," he said at the launch of the industrial park located about two hours' drive from the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region's capital of Nanning.

Najib's remark delighted Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and the Guangxi and Qinzhou government leaders present at the ceremony yesterday.

The park, with a total planned area of 55 sq km in the Jingpu area near the Qinzhou port, was first proposed by Wen during his visit to Kuala Lumpur last April.

Najib said the project became a reality in just a year and that was testament to the vibrancy, energy and commitment of both countries in deepening their economic ties.

Wen said the park, accorded the national-level status by the Chinese State Council, was a milestone cooperation endeavour of the Chinese and Malaysian governments.

The construction of the park takes full advantage of the strategic location and convenience of Qinzhou as well as its good planning and effective operation. The park will become a model project which steers forward the Sino-Malaysia cooperation, Wen said.