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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has been awarded the 2010 International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication and Information Society Award for his contributions to the ongoing digital revolution.

Najib, who has made connectivity as one of his priorities, will be presented the award at the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China, on May 17, the ITU in a statement issued yesterday.

Two other personalities receiving the award are chairman and chief executive officer of China Mobile, Wang Jianzhou, and Robert Kahn, one of the pioneers of the Internet.

As part of the New Economic Model for Malaysia, the prime minister has placed high priority on strengthening ICT infrastructure, it said.

ITU said Najib's administration has also supported its work in strengthening global cyber security through the IMPACT centre in Cyberjaya.

"It is in recognition of their dedication in promoting ICT as a means of providing a better life for humanity," it said.

Kahn, who is president and chief executive officer of the Corporation for National Research Initiatives, played a key pioneering role in the development of the Internet.

He laid the foundations of the Transmission Control Protocol and Internet Protocol architecture, a standard operating feature of the Internet. - Bernama

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