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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has been elected as an honorary fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) for his strong advocacy in science and technology, said a statement from the ASM yesterday.

The statement said, science and technology form the epicentre of the economic transformation programme. The statement added a total of 21 new fellows were announced by ASM in its 19th annual general meeting last month.

“The new fellows include former Malaysian Meteorological Department director-general Datuk Dr Yap Kok Seng, director-general of Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod (repeat Mohmod) and Universiti Teknologi Petronas vice chancellor Datuk Ir (Dr) Abdul Rahim Hashim,” the statement said.

Joining them were Professor Dr Agamutu Pariatamby from University of Malaya, Professor Dr Jinap Selamat, Professor

Dr Shamsuddin Jusop and Professor Dr Tan Soon Guan from Universiti Putra Malaysia, the statement added.

“They have been elected as fellows for their outstanding contribution in the field of biological, agricultural and environmental sciences in the country,” the statement said.

The statement further said, Professor Dr Abdul Rahman Mohamed, Professor Datuk Ir Dr Abdul Wahab Mohammad, Professor Datuk Ir Dr Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz, Professor Datuk Dr Burhanuddin Yeop Majlis and Ir Lalchand Gulabrai had been elected as fellows for their contribution in the field of engineering and computer sciences.

Meanwhile, Professor Dr Jamunarani S Vadivelu, Professor Datuk Dr Rohana Yusof, Dr Teo Soo Hwang and Professor Dr Wan Azman Wan Ahmad were recognised for their contribution in the field of medical and health sciences, said the statement.

The statement said other newly elected fellows were Professor Dr Mohd Yusof Othman and Professor Dr Ng Kwan Hoong for their contributions in mathematics, physics and earth sciences discipline.

Professor Datuk Dr Musa Ahmad and Professor Dr Noorsaadah Abd Rahman were elected for their contribution in chemical sciences discipline.

Another newly elected fellow representing the industry is Dr Mohd Yusoff Sulaiman from Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High Technology (Might).

ASM President Tan Sri Dr Tajuddin Ali said, the attractive feature of the academy was that it could be effectively utilised to provide independent scientific assesment.

“As demonstrated in many of our partner academies around the world, there are occasions where the government needs independent scientific advice on matters of national interest,” he said. - Bernama