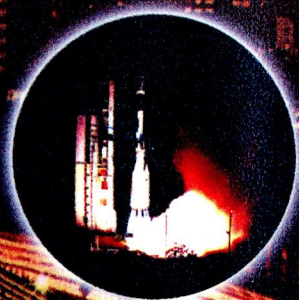


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The year 1990 marked the official deadline of the New Economic Policy that has shaped economic and social planning in Malaysia since 1970. The form of policy that replaced the New Economic Policy is reflected in the National Development Policy as embodied within the Second Outline Perspective Plan (1991-2000) which will set the pace towards achieving the status of a fully developed nation by the year 2020.

The National Development Policy puts no time limit on redistribution. Neither does it assign numerical targets to be attained. It is a strongly pro-growth exercise that recognises the realities of an increasingly competitive global marketplace. There will be no more obsession with quotas and numbers; focus will now be on quality—not quantity—participation by all economic sectors. The premise is, of course, growth which will continue to be emphasised while retaining the New Economic Policy's twin objectives of poverty eradication and the elimination of economic imbalances amongst the multi-ethnic population.

MALAYSIA'S VISION 2020 (incorporating Dr Mahathir Mohamad's latest speech on Vision 2020 at the Vision 2020 National Congress in 1997) examines the role of manufacturing and lays a new stress on human resource development and allays the fears of environmentalists by exhibiting a concern for ecology. Greater emphasis will also be placed on research and development. With new political commitment and stability, and with tremendous response to the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), Malaysia is definitely on the right track towards a more challenging 21st century.

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