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KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- The objective of the government's 2020 vision is not merely to enable Malaysia achieve high industrial growth but also to ensure that the people enjoy a better life, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said that realising the vision was not beyond the means of the nation.

+It is necessary for everyone to understand the concept and implement it effectively,+ he said when delivering the loyalty pledge at an investiture in conjunction with the birthday of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Azlan Shah, at the Istana Negara here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he was convinced the objective could be achieved with the guidance and advice of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the cooperation of all concerned, that is the government, the private sector and the people.

He also said that the second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP) would incorporate the New Development Policy and the Sixth Malaysia Plan. -- more

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Under the OPP, which spans 10 years up to the year 2000, the government would implement programmes for balanced economic growth to mould a more united and just society, he said.

The government would also continue its efforts to eradicate poverty and restructure society, he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said economic growth this year was anticipated to exceed eight per cent for the fourth successive year.

He also said that the government would always provide an excellent investment climate to draw more private sector investment.

The sincerity of the government for the private sector to play the important role of the main machinery for growth was reflected in its policy to further intensify privatisation, he said, adding that among the major privatisation projects was Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

Steps were also taken to overcome problems brought on by rapid economic growth, such as shortage of workers in certain sectors and demand for infrastructure facilities, he said. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the government would ensure that the country's financial position continued to be sound by adopting austerity measures and keeping expenditure within revenue.

The prime minister said the overall security situation in the country was under control.

Nevertheless, the government would continue to be vigilant to ensure that security was not undermined by anyone, he added.

He also said that the government was proud that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong showed concern for the functions of government ministries, departments and agencies through visits and briefings.

Such concern would encourage government staff to provide excellent service to the people, he said. -- Bernama

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