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SABAH CAN ACHIEVE GROWTH PROJECTED UNDER 7MP

KOTA KINABALU, May 7 (Bernama) -- Sabah is confident it can achieve economic growth exceeding the projection in the Seventh Malaysia Plan (7MP), Chief Minister Datuk Salleh Said Keruak said today.

He said that with determination and a more aggressive approach taken by the government, Sabah could achieve the eight per cent growth projected in the Sabah Outline Perspective Plan (OPP).

"I think the growth rate can be attained if a realistic and sensitive approach is taken towards the critical development problems in Sabah," he said in a statement commenting on the 7MP tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Sabah was allocated more than RM4 billion or 6.6 per cent of the total allocation for development by the federal government, the second largest among the states, under the plan.

Salleh said the amount was very significant for Sabah as it was almost double the allocation of over RM2.5 billion under the Sixth Malaysia Plan.

"This clearly shows the seriousness of the Barisan Nasional (BN) federal government in developing Sabah," he said.

He added that Sabah still needed basic infrastructure facilities including industrial sites, free trade zones, incentives and a conducive climate to attract local and foreign investments. -- BERNAMA

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