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OPP3 in  
Parliament  
today

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to table the Third Outline Perspective Plan (OPP3) in Parliament today.

The lo-year OPP3 succeeds its predecessor, the Second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP2), which ran from 1991 to 2000.

The OPP3, to begin from 2001 until 2010, will represent the second decade of development under Vision 2020.

It provides the broad planning parameters for the formulation of the Eighth and Ninth Malaysia Plans.

The Eighth Malaysia Plan is expected to be tabled on April 23.

The formulation of OPP3 has been based on a policy that will be called the National Vision Policy (NVP).

The introduction of the NVP has its roots in the early days of the Government's efforts to restructure the economy of the country with the launch of the National Economic Policy (NEP) in 1971.

The NEP focused on poverty alleviation and restructuring of society.

In 1990 the National Development Policy was introduced to replace the NEP.

It was also the same year that Vision 2020 was launched by the Prime Minister with the purpose of transforming Malaysia into a developed nation by 2020.