

**PM to unveil GTP roadmap tomorrow**  
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Prime Minister Najib Razak will roll out tomorrow the landmark blueprint to transform the government's delivery system to the rakyat in line with his administration's '1Malaysia, People First, Performance Now' policy.

The Government Transformation Programme (GTP) Roadmap is a major milestone in the nation's journey towards Vision 2020 to achieve the developed country status.

Najib had introduced the 1Malaysia concept and GTP in April last year, the same month he took office, and six National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) were announced to address the main concerns of the people.

The NKRAs are crime reduction, combating corruption, improving education, raising the living standards of low-income households, upgrading rural basic infrastructure and improving urban public transport.

The GTP roadmap is expected to flesh out the objectives and mechanisms to achieve set targets after getting feedbacks from the public last month.

Open days on the GTP were held in Petaling Jaya, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu for the people to scrutinise and give their views on over 2,000 projects and 100 programmes.

The public sessions reflected the greater transparency on the part of the government to engage the people in mapping the way forward.

In a televised interview this week, the prime minister said the government would emphasise on speed to deliver the peoples' expectation because if the country lagged behind, it would erode the people's confidence.

"For 2010, I will stress on speedy decisions, quick implementation without sacrificing quality. This means we will stress on making fast and accurate decisions as it will be used as a yardstick to measure the country's competitiveness in the frontline," he said.

The prime minister, who has embarked on moving Malaysia from an upper middle income economy to high income economy by 2020, is spearheading the GTP himself.

Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department, Dr Koh Tsu Koon, who is in charge of national unity and performance management, and Idris Jala, are responsible for the overall execution of the policy and strategy.

Idris is also the chief executive officer of the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu) which oversees the implementation of the Key Performance Index (KPI) in the ministries, an integral part of the NKRAs.

Koh said yesterday the government was seriously looking at adopting the reward and punishment system under the GTP for the civil service as the programme entered its first year of implementation.

"However, in our first two years of implementation, our emphasis is on how to encourage and support everyone to perform, rather than to start on punishment... it is far more

important at this stage," he said.

To boost productivity and inculcate better work ethics, the government was mulling over a 'carrot-and-stick' system for the 1.2 million strong civil workforce.

He said it was timely that civil servants be assessed and rewarded based on their individual performance.

The six lead ministries for the NKRA are home affairs ministry, prime minister's department, education ministry, women, family and community development ministry, rural and regional development ministry and transport ministry.

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