

GTP: Gov't to focus on swift delivery
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The government is focusing on making fundamental changes towards delivering fast results while ensuring every Malaysian enjoys the fruit of the nation's development, according to the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) roadmap, released today.

"We realise that we cannot use the same approach as before to transform the government and achieve substantial results quickly.

"Therefore, we are approaching the government transformation in a radical new way, while still leveraging on the successes and lessons of the past, as well as the efforts of other countries in this area," the roadmap states.

The GTP roadmap was unveiled by the Prime Minister Najib Razak in Kuala Lumpur today.

As part of the transformation, the roadmap also embraces six elements.

These are, establishing a new way of working, proactively gathering input and feedback from the people, a performance contract between the government and the people, introducing 16 principles on delivery and publishing a transparent annual report.

Another element is the establishment of a Performance Delivery and Management Unit (Pemandu) to act as a catalyst for the transformation and help ministries deliver on their priorities.

The roadmap also states that although Malaysia has come a long way, the economy is at risk of being stuck as a "middle-income economy", and the government needs to make significant improvements.

Among these are to reduce crime and corruption, improve education and basic rural infrastructure as well as urban public transport while boosting the earnings of low income households, for Malaysia to become a fully developed nation.

The scope of the GTP is broad, encompassing every ministry within the government, while still being focused on priorities that matter most to the people.

"Malaysia does not have the luxury of time to achieve Vision 2020 and we have heard the clear demand for outcomes from the people, not just more plans and input.

"Our focus is very much on making fundamental changes to deliver substantial results fast.

"We are confident that we will deliver. When we succeed, many other countries will look up to Malaysia, to learn how we transformed the nation by transforming the government," the roadmap declares.

The roadmap however cautions that delivering these outcomes would not be easy.

"There will be setbacks along the way, including missed targets, initiatives that may not work, stakeholders who push back, resistance to change and new challenges we could not have foreseen," it states.

According to the roadmap, the government will continue to invite input before making decisions, encourage co-participation in delivery, seek regular feedback and measure stakeholders' perceptions of its delivery.

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