

RM15bil rollout

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PETALING JAYA: In a much-awaited announcement, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has given a breakdown of 880 projects worth about RM15bil to be tendered under the first rollout of the 9th Malaysia Plan.

All the projects, the Prime Minister said, would be awarded through tender and would be advertised soon.

Among the projects are:

- A TOTAL of 450 primary and secondary schools;
- ROADS, including the main road from Padang Besar to Kayu Hitam;
- BRIDGES like the one between Semporna and Bum Bum Island;
- WATER supply projects in Terengganu; and •
- THE Integrated Transportation

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Terminal in Gombak.

"This is but an initial list of projects under the 9MP. The Government will announce other projects from time to time once it has received all the information needed from the relevant ministries," he said in a statement yesterday.

To prevent delays and ensure that all projects were completed as scheduled, he said the Implementation and Coordination Unit had adopted a new Project and Programme Management (PPM) methodology to monitor their progress.

The main element of the methodology, said Abdullah, was the stress on good practices and processes in both the planning and implementation

of the projects.

"This includes making sure that projects are completed at reasonable cost, and within the stipulated period," he said.

"The PPM will also introduce new approaches to evaluate the impact and benefits of such projects to ensure that they fulfilled their objectives.

"As chairman of the National Implementation Action Body, I will personally monitor the implementation of these projects."

He said all ministries and government agencies, together with the Public Works Department, had been directed to speed up the process of designing and issuing documents for tenders so that the projects could be implemented soonest.

Similar efforts, he said, should also be taken with regard to other projects that had been approved under the 9MP so that the people could benefit from them.

Details on the tenders, he said, would be advertised through the local media and through the myGovernment website at www.gov.my, through the PWD website at www.kkr.gov.my and through the Construction Industry Development Board website at www.cidb.gov.my.

The full list of the projects could be accessed through the official website of the PM's office at www.pmo.gov.my, the Finance Ministry's at www.treasury.gov.my and the Economic Planning Unit's at www.epu.jpm.my.