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Radical approach with the past in mind

KUALA LUMPUR: The Government Transformation Programme (GTP) will be approached in a radical way while leveraging on the country's successes and lessons from the past, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said.

He said Malaysia had achieved much as a young nation, making significant strides in eradicating hardcore poverty, developing a diverse economic base, increasing the quality of life of citizens and creating a progressive civil service that em-

braced change.

But it was also clear that "we face significant challenges to achieve the ambitious goals of Vision 2020".

As such he is confident that the GTP Roadmap will help chart the path towards Vision 2020.

"It is first and foremost focused on the priorities that matter most to the rakyat (i.e. People First). The government will make fundamental changes to deliver big results fast (i.e. Performance Now) and ensure every Malaysian — rich and poor,

urban and rural, educated and less educated, powerful and powerless — will enjoy the fruits of the nation's development and live in an inclusive and diverse society where they consider themselves, first and foremost, a Malaysian (i.e. 1Malaysia)," he said in the foreword of the GTP Roadmap.

He acknowledged that transforming the government would not be an easy task.

"There will be setbacks along the way, including missed targets, ini-

tiatives that may not work, stakeholders who disagree, resistance (from some) to change and new challenges we cannot foresee.

"It is quite common for things to get worse, or feel like they are getting worse, before they get better.

"Despite the inevitable challenges, the government will persevere and deliver. This will be done working hand-in-hand with the rakyat, private sector, social sector and all segments of society."

Najib acknowledged the impor-

tant role played by the civil service in ensuring the success of the GTP.

"Working in partnership with the civil service to drive delivery is a pre-condition of success. Nothing in government will happen without the support of the civil service.

"I applaud all our civil servants for their dedicated service and their continuous improvement efforts to date and seek their full support for this Government Transformation Programme and 1Malaysia, People First, Performance Now."