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# TN50 a continuation of older policies, says PM

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## 'Plan takes bottom up approach compared to Vision 2020'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The National Transformation 2050 (TN50) plan is a continuation of previous policies, including Vision 2020 introduced by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his tenure as premier.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, in explaining the difference between the two policies, also denied rejecting the Vision 2020 concept.

"TN50 dialogues were started because we wanted the new vision to be felt by the rakyat, through a bottom up approach instead of top down. We also want to include a national strategy and implementation plan under TN50 to ensure the rakyat benefit in the future.

"These two elements in TN50 distinguish it from Vision 2020, but I want to state here that we are not rejecting Vision 2020. In fact TN50 is

a continuation of that policy and others before it," he said to a question by Datuk Dr Abd Latiff Ahmad (BN-Mersing).

Dr Abd Latiff had asked on the strategies implemented for the people at the grassroots level to understand TN50, and its acceptance so far.

Najib said it was important that the rakyat felt the new policy was coming from them, for consideration by the Government, so they felt a sense of belonging.

"The Youth and Sports Ministry has already begun gathering feedback from youths, and other ministries will be tasked with gathering the aspirations of certain stakeholders to ensure the TN50 document will be inclusive in nature.

"The Government will also continue similar dialogues with other segments of society, such as women, civil

servants, academics, entrepreneurs and corporations," he said.

On a supplementary question by Siti Zailah Md Yusoff (PAS-Rantau Panjang), Najib said they have not failed but there was room for improvement.

"In truth, we have not failed. We admit there are weaknesses, but when we fix a target, it must be ambitious otherwise it is meaningless to implement a new policy.

"Also, one needs to consider the external factors, like a possible slowdown of the world economy or a sudden drop in the price of crude oil or other commodities, which will affect us.

"The plan is drawn up on the assumption of a conducive environment, but if the reality proves otherwise, it will affect our achievement," he said.