

# PM: Shared prosperity basis of policies

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Shared prosperity among the people is the basis of the commitment of the Pakatan Harapan (PH) government in designing programmes and policies to make Malaysia a prosperous, dignified and independent nation, said Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the government, although in power for just a year, had shown a high level of commitment and attained success in many matters despite the financial position it inherited from the previous government.

Dr Mahathir was delivering the address of congratulations and pledge of loyalty on behalf of the people at the installation of Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah as the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara here yesterday.

"In this regard, I will continue to ensure that Your Majesty's government does not remain satisfied with the achievements thus far.

"Efforts will be redoubled continuously to revive Malaysia to be

one of the more important economic axes in Asia," he said.

Dr Mahathir, representing the people of the country, also congratulated Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah as the Raja Permaisuri Agong.

Dr Mahathir recorded his gratitude to Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Muhammad V for his reign as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong until Jan 6.

Dr Mahathir said the national economy was growing and initiatives were being implemented vigorously to rebuild the country to be more progressive.

Despite global economic uncertainty and geopolitical turmoil, he said efforts by the government had given the people confidence that the country could face these challenges and minimise possible negative effects.

Dr Mahathir said national development would mean nothing if the people continued to live in hardship and are excluded from the spillover of development.

As such, he said, the government would strive harder to im-

prove programmes for the people's wellbeing.

He said this included efforts to reduce the cost of living by increasing consumer purchasing power and eliminating income gaps between classes, races and regions.

He said tackling the rising prices of goods and cost of living holistically required the cooperation of all quarters.

He said in conjunction with the first anniversary of the PH government's rule, the government announced the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030, which aimed to ensure that everyone enjoyed the nation's economic wealth and prosperity in a more just and equitable manner.

"This was developed to achieve several major objectives, which is to ensure that the income and wealth gaps can be addressed."

Dr Mahathir said the commitment to boost transparency, governance and integrity would be the government's important ongoing agenda in ensuring the efficiency of the administra-