

Zahid: Efforts can take nation back to glory

PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysia Madani concept must be implemented by all parties to ensure it will benefit the people, especially the targeted groups.

"All government agencies, at the federal or state level, have to understand and follow through to effectively translate the government's policies," said Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the efforts listed could restore and drive the country back to glory.

"The implementation must be felt by the people as a whole," he told reporters after the conclusion of the "Developing Malaysia Madani" programme here yesterday.

Malaysia Madani, a framework introduced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, lays out his visions of a civilised, skilled and inclusive society.

It proposes a set of six core values - sustainability, prosperity, innovation, respect, trust and compassion.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said the Malaysia Madani concept was a value framework that must be properly understood.

He said the Prime Minister had said there was no point in being proud of huge landmarks if there were still people who were suffering and marginalised.

"So, there should be some humanistic values to initiatives that are introduced.

"The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of good governance.

"He advised us to end wastage and leakages and to completely avoid corruption.

"Instead, we need to instil good values and respect one another," added Saifuddin.

Fahmi Fadzil, the Minister of Communications and Digital, said that the Malaysia Madani concept was a framework for the government and for all Malaysians.

"Our intention is to uplift the rakyat and resolve all the issues," he said.



Roadmap to growth: Civil servants from the Prime Minister's Office showing the book 'Membangun Negara Madani' (Developing the Madani Nation) which was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in Putrajaya. - Bernama

Asked when such policies will be implemented, Fahmi said his ministry would look into the documents involving the concept and would apply the policies as soon as possible.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke stated that the initiative aimed to reintroduce a good value system to the people.

"Our policies must be based on values that we aspire to in terms of fairness and social justice," he said.

Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family, and Community Development, hoped that all of the initiatives listed would be implemented fairly and benefit the country and its people.

On the development of Sabah and Sarawak, she said there have been improvements, but some aspects need to be looked at.

The ekasih system, for one, should be reviewed to ensure it reflected the reality on the ground, she said.