

Pemandu says GTP helped 6.8m Malaysians
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 5 — The Government Transformation Programme (GTP) has benefited 6.8 million out of a total population of approximately 28 million as at the end of last year said Pemandu today.

The greatest impact was felt in urban public transport, rural basic infrastructure and crime reduction with 2.67 million who benefited from urban public transport initiatives, 2.2 million who benefited from rural basic infrastructure and 973,070 who benefited from crime reduction initiatives.

Other GTP programmes cited by Pemandu were initiatives to help low income households which impacted 505,000 Malaysians, education initiatives which helped 503,000 and corruption reduction initiatives which impacted 1,089.

Pemandu said that there has been a 2.43 million increase in LRT ridership under the GTP as well as a 192 per cent increase in Bus Expressway Transit.

In terms of crime reduction, Pemandu said that there was a 15 per cent drop in the crime index last year or 32,305 cases fewer than 2009 while street crime was reduced by 35 per cent or 13,193.

The Fear of Crime index meanwhile was cut by 3.4 per cent or 952,000 people.

In its efforts to fight corruption, the government has arrested 805 people and convicted 284. It also established 18 corruption courts and published 3,756 government contracts online.

Since the GTP's inception, some 1,353 new pre-schools were opened and 448,977 children were screened for literacy and numeracy.

Pemandu said that the results of the GTP were audited by PwC and endorsed by an international panel which includes of McKinsey consultant Sir Michael Barber who specialises in global public sector practices, Australian public service commissioner Stephen Sedgwick, IMF senior economist Sergei Dodzin and Transparency International co-founder Michael Hershman.

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