

PM: Programmes under GTP have driven change
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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak unveiled the second set of results for the Government Transformation Programme's (GTP) initiatives on Monday.

In line with the Government's promise of People First, Performance Now, the programmes implemented under the GTP's purview have driven change, facilitated innovation, and enhanced efficiency in the Government's machinery to deliver bigger wins to all key stakeholders.

Unveiling the GTP Annual Report 2011, Najib said: "The GTP initiatives over the last 24 months of 2010 and 2011 have been driven by people-centric, focused initiatives. The seven National Key Results Areas (NKRAs) have set new performance benchmarks, delivered bigger wins and stronger outcomes for the people.

"To meet these goals, we employed thorough and innovative processes in implementing the transformational change that has empowered and more importantly enabled both the rural and urban communities.

"Our success was based on a 3-year implementation plan that addressed the aspirations of the people, emphasized planning and competitive focus and delivery in line with the spirit of innovation that is set to lead the nation into achieving its high-income developed nation status by 2020," he said at the Challenges and Outcomes of Transformation event.

The introduction of the Ministerial Key Results Areas (MKRAs) has also reformed public service delivery roles by focusing on ministerial transparency and accountability. By creating a transformational process which honed in on Ministerial responsibility and delivery, the MKRA and its attendant Ministerial Key Performance Indicators (MKPIs) identified priorities and set targets for individual Ministers and their Ministries to deliver on in 2011.

Specific targets within key functional areas which centred on improving the wellbeing of the rakyat were set for each Ministry.

In the year under review, Ministers and their Ministries were subject to scrutiny with regards to their deliverables under the MKPI. The majority of Ministries met and even exceeded the targets they were set for 2011.

In 2011, there was a conscious effort to ensure more KPIs were outcome-based rather than being process-driven in view of the importance of the MKRA. Also, all ministers had MKRA components in their scorecards in 2011 unlike the previous year, where only non-NKRA Lead Ministers carried MKPIs in their scorecards. As a result, in 2011, all 29 ministers had MKPIs in their scorecards.

The details of these, along with the outcomes of all the NKRAs are made available to the public with the presentation of the Annual Report as an accountability measure given by the Government to its key stakeholders - the rakyat.

"This Annual Report provides a thorough assessment of how the GTP has performed in the year 2011, where we have achieved big wins and fast results and where in some cases, improvements are necessary as we chart the course forward," he added.

The notable achievements of GTP in 2011 under the NKRA, was evident in the latest NKRA, Addressing the Rising Cost of Living (COL) which had a strong start in July 2011, underscoring the point that the present administration is a proactive Government which watches out for its citizens, and provides for their needs.

With the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) financial aid scheme, a total of RM2.6 billion was set aside to assist some 5.2 million households nationwide under its one-off provision of RM500 to those earning below RM3,000.

Through the COL NKRA, Malaysians can now purchase groceries at KR1M stores for about 30 to 40 per cent less than conventional grocery stores.

Through the Reducing Crime NKRA, close collaboration between the police, law enforcement agencies, municipal councils, and the rakyat has resulted in a 39.7 per cent drop in Street Crime nationwide, and a 11.1% drop in Index Crime.

Satisfaction of the public with the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) increased to a high of 70.5 per cent.

Malaysia was also ranked the 4th safest country in the Asia Pacific region.

In weeding out graft, the Fighting Corruption NKRA's efforts have worked in tandem with the MACC's efforts in bringing to charge a total of 918 corruption offenders in 2011. Additionally, 424 cases were processed and 249 cases completed by the 14 special corruption courts set up to facilitate corruption cases. The Government also implemented Malaysia's first ever full Integrity Pact with the Mass Rapid Transit project used as a model for the full implementation.

Meanwhile, in the Improving Students Outcomes NKRA, Malaysia achieved a pre-school enrolment rate of 77.23 per cent as compared to 72.4 per cent in 2010. There was a 40.25 per cent drop in low performing schools nationwide, while the number of High Performing Schools increased from 20 in 2010 to 52 schools in 2011.

For Urban Public Transport NKRA, 547,669 passengers now enjoy the services of the new Bus Expressway Transit (BET) while rail commuters enjoy the comfort of 35 sets of four-car trains on the Kelana Jaya LRT line system.

Commuter travel experiences have also become more comfortable with the refurbishment of 468 bus stops in the Klang Valley and the reopening of the brand new Pudu Sentral in April 2012 with world class facilities. This along with the initiation of a range of seamless ticketing initiatives across the transport terminals were big wins from the UPT NKRA.

The Improving Rural Basic Infrastructure NKRA showed tangible and measurable wins and has impacted the lives of almost one million people in rural communities. With 73, 227 rural houses connected with clean water supply, 27,004 rural houses connected with electricity supply and a total 14, 365 rural houses built and restored, and 1013 km of roads delivered.

Rural communities especially in Sabah and Sarawak now have access to boundless opportunities and economic initiatives.

Through the Raising Living Standards of Low-Income Households NKRA, the 1AZAM programme initiatives has assisted and provided 63,147 poverty stricken households the productive capacity of becoming self-sustaining.

Initiatives under the NKRA have also resulted in the training of 1,100 women entrepreneurs to date, and 12,578 poor were also given the chance to be self-sustainable through micro-credit loans.

Moving forward, Najib said that the GTP aims to sustain its momentum of big wins and unprecedented firsts to impact the lives of the rakyat for generations to come.

The first-year results of the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) were also released Monday. The relationship between the GTP and the ETP is that the ETP is about changing the structure of Malaysia's economy, while the GTP is about changing the type of Government.

The GTP aims to produce a Government that will be speedier, more efficient and have more value for money, while the ETP will produce an economy that is more competitive, innovative and dynamic.

With that in mind, with the implementation of the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) in October 2010, National Key Economic Area (NKEA) KPIs were also incorporated into the Ministerial scorecards.

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