

**PM: Impact of GTP astounding, but the race has only begun**

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THE Government Transformation Programme has exceeded some of its targets for last year and its impact has been “nothing short of astounding”, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

“We have made strong strides forward on all fronts and not only achieved but in some cases exceeded the stretched GTP targets and milestones.

“Once again, the GTP has touched millions of Malaysians. Urban or rural, lives have been transformed for the better with a true sense of permanence and real empowerment,” he said in the introduction of the GTP Annual Report 2011.

Najib said that all seven National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) had stayed true to the ideals of Malaysia.

The seven NKRAs are reducing crime, fighting corruption, improving student outcomes, raising living standards of low-income households, improving rural basic infrastructure, improving urban public transport and addressing the rising cost of living.

Last year’s achievements, he said, showed that the Government machinery had sustained its momentum and that the results in 2010 were no mere coincidence.

He commended the “passionate and committed civil service” for helping the GTP accomplish what was deemed “impossible” in a short time.

Najib acknowledged that the journey forward could be fraught with challenges given the global economic situation, but said they would forge ahead and ensure that “all of Malaysia crosses the finishing line”.

“Our journey has only just begun. We will maintain the momentum of big wins and unprecedented firsts to achieve our ambition of becoming a developed, harmonious, prosperous and high-income nation by 2020.”

This year marks the end of the first of the three phases of GTP.

He welcomed public feedback, constructive criticisms and suggestions and said the annual report provided an accurate account of the GTP’s wins and shortcomings.

Reiterating that the days of “government knows best” are over, Najib said the GTP had changed the way the Government works, making it more transparent, accountable, efficient and service-oriented.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said they would keep the good momentum going until the finishing line was reached.

“We have successfully reached our 2011 milestones, something we can all be proud of.

“However, we must constantly remind ourselves that the race we run is not a sprint, but a marathon.”

Muhyiddin, who is the Delivery Task Force chairman, expressed confidence that better results could be achieved through disciplined follow-through actions despite the global economic climate.

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