

**Government's Initiatives Continue To Benefit The People - Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin expressed confidence that all initiatives taken by the government throughout 2011 under the National Transformation Policy will continue to benefit the people.

While expressing his gratitude that the initiatives had been well accepted by the people, Muhyiddin said the Government Transformation Programme and the Economic Transformation Programme implemented two years ago had also shown positive results in improving the government's delivery system and boost the country's economic growth.

"Meanwhile, the Rural Transformation Programme and the Bumiputera Economic Transformation Roadmap implemented this year are believed to be capable of closing the economic gap between the people in urban and rural areas, as well as between the races.

He said all these programmes were complementing the efforts to establish a develop and prosperous nation.

"My million thanks to all Malaysians who have supported the government and the country's leadership in making the transformation agenda led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, a success," he said in his New Year's message here Saturday.

Muhyiddin said in line with the concept of 1Malaysia: People First, Performance Now, Najib, when tabling the 2012 Budget, had underlined various initiatives, such as the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M), RM100 Schooling Aid, 1Malaysia Housing Project and 1Malaysia Retail Shop (KR1M), all of which aimed at easing the burden of the people.

For the civil servants, the deputy prime minister also hoped that the implementation of the Public Service New Remuneration scheme (SBPA) could also prove that the government was really committed in fighting for the civil servants.

Hence, he urged the civil servants to work harder to improve their efficiency and professionalism levels in offering their services to the public.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, also expressed his appreciation to the teachers and educators who were committed in ensuring better results for the Ujian Pencapaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) and Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) 2011 as compared to the previous year.

"This also proved that the efforts taken by the teachers in implementing the national key results areas in education and the School Development Programme have shown encouraging results," he said.

Muhyiddin also called on the people to kick start their new year's resolution by fostering unity, showing mutual respect and strengthening the cooperation between one another in accordance with the spirit of 1Malaysia.

"Let us strengthen the existing strong ties, close the gap and enhance our mutual understandings because the unity and peace created on the spirit of understanding and mutual acceptance are the prerequisites for the country to develop," he said.

National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (Niosh) chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, in his message, called on the people to cooperate in making the country safe, not only from terrorists and criminals, but also from tragedies caused by man's behaviour on the road, home or workplace.

"Let us try to achieve the "1Malaysia 1 Safe Community" target where the culture of safety is well inculcated among every Malaysian citizen," he said, adding that the definition of "Safe Community" was where the people live, work and play in a safe environment.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Youth Council (MBM) president Mohamed Maliki Mohamed Rapiee in a similar message, hoped with the arrival of yet another new year, youths in the country would become valuable assets to ensure the country's survival.

"We want the youths to be equipped not only with knowledge and material ability, but also a healthy environment," he said.

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