

**People's Well-Being Central To Najib's Transformation Agenda - Fadillah
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KUCHING, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- People's well-being is central to the transformation initiatives mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof said.

All these initiatives would result in a better economic status for the people as the country marches to become a developed country in 2020, he said.

"Ever since taking the helm of the government's administration, the prime minister has been implementing numerous initiatives for the people including the introduction of the 1Malaysia Clinic, 1Malaysia People's Shop, RM100 assistance to school students, RM200 book vouchers for university students and the RM500 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M)... all these are for the people," he said.

He was speaking at the distribution of BR1M for the Petra Jaya parliamentary constituency, here today.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN) government understands the needs of the people, and had come up with numerous programmes, especially for those in the low income group.

To ensure the continuity of these initiatives, the government would need the support of the people, he said.

He said a total of 11,000 applications for BR1M in Petra Jaya had been approved, with 3,000 recipients getting the aid during the first phase of its distribution.

One of the recipients, Malaysia Yap, 48, said she was thankful for the aid as it helps meet some of the expenditure for the children's schooling.

Meanwhile, in Maran, Pahang, state executive councillor Datuk Tan Mohd Aminuddin Ishak urged the people to not to listen to the criticisms levelled against the government over the BR1M assistance.

"The opposition parties have been spreading all kinds of lies including accusing the government of trying to gain votes and that the government had to source funds from outside to fund the programme. These are lies and politically-motivated.

"It is now proven that the government has the capability to fund the BR1M," he said at the BR1M distribution for the Maran parliamentary constituency.

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