

**GTP, ETP: The Country's Most Daring Experiments - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 20 (Bernama) -- The planning and implementation of the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) are the government's most daring experiments in applying the principles of transparency and accountability to the people, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The prime minister said the initiatives under the GTP and ETP, introduced in 2010 and 2011 respectively, demonstrated the government's commitment in developing the country and striving to achieve the goal of becoming a high-income nation by 2020.

"Through the GTP and ETP, the people can evaluate the government's performance by going through the annual and periodic reports," he said in his blog, [www.1malaysia.com](http://www.1malaysia.com).

Najib presented the GTP and ETP annual reports yesterday.

He attributed the success to hard work of all quarters, from the people to the private sector and civil servants.

"Alhamdulillah, the GTP and ETP annual reports that I had presented yesterday showed that we have achieved tremendous success.

"The results show that the standard of living and quality of life have improved, the economy is growing while the country's finances are getting stronger day by day," he said.

Najib said the country's outstanding performance could be seen from an increase in the per capita Gross National Income (GNI) by 4,000 per cent from merely U.S.\$257 (RM802) in 1957 to U.S.\$9,970 (RM31,111) in 2012.

This is further attested from the Household Income Survey which has increased to RM5,000 in 2012 from RM4,025 in 2009.

The prime minister said that apart from reduction of the national poverty rate from 60 per cent at the outset of the independence to 1.7 per cent in 2012, the initiative introduced also managed to free about 100,000 people from the clutches of poverty.

The prime minister said this proved that everything the government introduced had benefited the people in line with the 1Malaysia concept: the people first and performance now.

"That is why, during the presentation yesterday, I also announced that the government will continue to implement the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) as an annual initiative.

"With the country's outstanding performance, I hope the people will continue to support the government to enable all plans in the pipeline can be implemented for the future of the country," he said.

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