

Najib's Transformation Agenda Secures Sabah's Place In Developed Malaysia, Says Ongkili

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KOTA MARUDU, March 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's transformation agenda will secure Sabah's place in developed Malaysia in 2020, says Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili.

Expressing confidence in the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), he said the GTP and ETP had directly addressed the needs of Sabah and Sarawak.

The National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) for security, education, rural development and income improvement have immensely benefited the people of Sabah and Sarawak, said Ongkili, who is also Science, Technology and Innovation Minister.

The minister said there were many programmes in the pipeline under these sectors that would further advance Sabah's economy and improve the people's living standard, he told Bernama today.

Ongkili was asked to comment on the ETP's 2012 Annual Report presented by Najib on Tuesday.

Najib had said most of the objectives of the government's transformation plans have been achieved which have led to an improvement in the people's quality of life, the economy is growing well and the financial position of the country is very strong.

Najib also said the planning and execution of the ETP and GTP not only proved the government's determination to steer the country based on the "1Malaysia's People First, Performance Now" concept, but were also the boldest experiments ever undertaken by any government in the world in practising the principles of transparency and accountability.

Ongkili said the ETP's initiatives, especially plans relating to bio-economy, digital economy and industries were all directly relevant to Sabah's economy.

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