

**BN's Promise To Rake In RM1.3 Trillion Investments Realistic, Says MITI
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional's (BN) promise to rake in RM1.3 trillion in investments over the next five years, as envisaged in its manifesto launched recently, is realistic, says International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said it was not impossible for Malaysia to rake in that much of investments judging from the strong private investments recorded last year, which surpassed MITI's target.

"Our current private investment is strong. With all the benefits we have in Malaysia, I'm sure we can attract more investments in years to come," he told reporters after the ministry's monthly gathering.

On BN's manifesto, Mustapa said the manifesto was comprehensive and accounted its success over the past five years.

"To achieve success completely, we need to build our strength. So, the policies that we have implemented, particularly the national transformation programme which covers government transformation, economy and politics, have brought many success including good economic growth rate, low inflation and unemployment rate.

"In the last five years, the government has also succeeded in tackling the issue of rising prices of goods by giving assistance directly to the people," he said.

For the next five years, if given the opportunity, Mustapa said BN would continue giving assistance directly to the rakyat on staggered basis and would continue with its efforts to grow the country's economy to a higher level.

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