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REAPING REWARDS: GTP, ETP show we have achieved tremendous success, says Najib

THE planning and implementation of the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) is the government's most daring experiment in applying the principles of transparency and accountability said Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

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

"Through GTP and ETP, the people can evaluate the government's performance by going through the annual and periodic reports," he wrote in his blog, www.1malaysia.com.

Najib, who presented the GTP and ETP annual reports on Tuesday, 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 presented yesterday show 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."

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 a mere US\$257 (RM802) in 1957 to US\$9,970 (RM31,111) last year.

This is further attested from the household income survey which has increased to RM5,000 last year from RM4,025 in 2009.

Najib said apart from the reduction of the national poverty rate from 60 per cent at the outset of Merdeka to 1.7 per cent last year, the initiatives introduced also managed to free about 100,000 people from the clutches of poverty.

He said this proved that everything the government introduced had benefited the people in line with the 1Malaysia concept.

"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 to be implemented for the country's future."

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