

**Government Agricultural Transformation Is Not Empty Talk - Noh Omar**  
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KUALA SELANGOR, April 27 (Bernama) -- The agricultural transformation carried out by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government has made a deep impact in spurring Malaysia towards Vision 2020 and is not an empty promise as often claimed by the opposition.

Agriculture and Agrobased Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar said today the government closely monitored the national agricultural transformation to ensure that projects in the National Key Economic Areas (NKEA) could improve the lot of the people.

"This is not a game. Every six months my ministry is evaluated and I meet the prime minister to discuss all these. He is very careful, (I) cannot give empty talk. I bring along files and documents as proof that NKEA projects had indeed succeeded in helping the people.

"The impact is numerous. Better aid to farmers become the catalyst in boosting their income, enabling many to escape poverty," he said.

He said this at a news conference after opening an Agro Bank branch in Sungai Buloh, here.

The ministry also distributed 600 hydroponic kits to encourage residents in the urban areas to plant their own vegetables.

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