

Gov't Meets GTP Targets - Najib

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the government managed to meet the targets of the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), with some of it delivered ahead of schedule.

Najib said this was excellent news for the country, as it was about delivering better government for the people.

"When the government embarked on the GTP four years ago, we were aware of the amount of work and level of commitment needed. The achievements of the GTP to date are a testament to the dedication of all involved.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for their dedicated services," he said in a Note from the Prime Minister included in the GTP Annual Report 2013 launched tonight.

GTP, which was developed based on the 1Malaysia Concept: People's First, Performance Now, was launched in 2010 and is now in its second phase.

It includes seven National Key Results Areas (NKRA), namely Reducing Crime, Fighting Corruption, Improving Student Outcomes, Raising Living Standards of Low-Income Households, Improving Rural Development, Improving Urban Public Transport and Addressing the Cost of Living.

Najib drove home the point that the GTP was developed to make the government more efficient and responsive to the needs to the people.

He said the GTP remained a key instrument of the National Transformation Programme (NTP) in enabling the country achieve its socio-economic goals and obtain developed nation status by 2020.

"2013 has ushered in a new era for the GTP. The initial introductory stage of GTP 1.0 has paved the way to further our ambitions in GTP 2.0.

"The success of GTP 1.0 has generated higher expectations for GTP 2.0, which in

turn has challenged all stakeholders to build and improve upon their performance. Based on our track record over the course of the last four years, I know that we are up to the task," he said.

The prime minister said the nation should be proud of the government's accomplishment, which had resulted in Malaysia becoming a more efficient, transparent, safe and just society.

He said households in the extreme poor category were reduced by 99 per cent or 44,536 households in GTP 1.0.

"The challenge for GTP 2.0 is to build upon this to help all low-income groups.

"Although we have achieved a lot, it is important that we do not rest on our laurels. We must continue to embrace this momentous journey of transformation with discipline and determination," he said.

Najib also called for all Malaysians to continue to unite around the GTP.

"Change is most effective when everyone takes part. National transformation is a worthwhile aspiration for all Malaysians. By working together, we can realise this ambition and secure a more effective government," he said.

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