

**11MP For A Better Malaysia For All Malaysians Tabled
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KUALA LUMPUR (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Razak took slightly over one hour to table the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP) today and it was clear that he had one thing in mind - the interest and wellbeing of 30 million Malaysians.

The message that he conveyed pointed to a prime minister determined to push Malaysians to a better place as the nation moves into the final five-year stretch of attaining the advanced nation status by 2020.

Najib's much-awaited speech at the Dewan Rakyat, which was broadcast live, was peppered with numerous initiatives, with an emphasis on education and innovation moving forward, for 2016-2020 period to elevate Malaysians to be on par with people in other developed countries.

In the Eleventh Plan which earmarks RM260 billion as development expenditure, Najib outlined numerous infrastructure projects that would take place, and the crux of the plan was aimed at preparing them for what it meant to be citizens of a developed country.

What was crafted by the Najib administration was encapsulated in the theme of the Eleventh Plan - 'Anchoring Growth on People' - a strategic road map that paves the way for Malaysia to deliver the future that the rakyat desired and deserved.

Najib said the RMK11 document also represented the continuity of the National Transformation Policy which was drawn up as a road map for the nation, with the objective of transforming Malaysia in a comprehensive and holistic manner.

"In short, we want the whole nation to benefit from the prosperity and success achieved by the nation without any sector of the population being left out," he said.

The RMK11 will be implemented based on six core strategies and six drivers of change and allocation needed to achieve the objective of a developed and inclusive nation in 2020.

The six strategies are inclusivity, prosperity of the people, human capital, green growth, infrastructure as well as innovation and productivity.

The six game changers outlined to ensure the success of all the strategies are to raise productivity, generate wealth through innovation, raise the percentage of the middle-income class, to lay emphasis on education and technical training (TVET), implement the green growth and invest in urban areas that have the capacity to compete.

Najib said that to ensure that the whole population enjoyed the benefits from national prosperity and development, the government among other things targeted to raise the average household income of the 40 per cent bottom group (B40) from RM2,500 to

RM5,000 in 2020 through the inclusivity strategy.

To tackle the living cost of this group which now stood at about 2.7 million households, initiatives such as the 1Malaysia Clinic, 1Malaysia People's Menu, 1Malaysia People's Shop would be continued.

The government also set a target to increase the size of the middle class group from 40 per cent currently to 45 per cent by the year 2020.

In efforts to empower the society to build a community that is productive and enjoys prosperity, the RMK11 also lays emphasis on the involvement of the female labour force by targeting to raise the percentage from 54 per cent in 2014 to 59 per cent by 2020.

Najib said consequently the potentials of the youth would be enhanced through the implementation of various capacity building programs, education and skills training, entrepreneurship, sports and volunteerism.

In addition, facilities for the senior citizens would be improved throughout the plan period and for the disabled group, the government would raise their prosperity by widening their educational prosperity, skills and entrepreneurship training.

Meanwhile, Najib's announcement that the government would enhance the provision of basic rural infrastructure such as roads especially in Sabah and Sarawak was received positively by the House, especially members of parliament from the two states.

According to Najib, under the RMK11, the government would build another 3,000 kilometres of paved road in the rural areas for the period 2016 until 2020 and access to water and electricity supply throughout the country would be raised to 99 per cent in 2020.

Also announced was the approval for the supply of clean and treated water worth RM10 billion through the Rural Water Supply Project, and another RM3 billion was also approved for the Rural Electricity Supply Project.

"This will have an impact on almost 40,000 households," he said to loud applause from the House.

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