

**RM11: People Centrepiece Of Development Efforts Under 11th M-plan - Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 21 (Bernama) -- The people will be the centrepiece of all development efforts under the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP) as Malaysia embarks on the final five-year stretch of its journey to be an advanced nation that is inclusive and sustainable by 2020, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The prime minister said that premised on the Malaysian National Development Strategy, the plan would focus on rapidly delivering high-impact outcomes to both the capital economy and the people economy at affordable cost.

"To sustain our growth momentum and ensure that the rakyat (people) continue to prosper, we need to forge ahead with greater resolve and introduce bold measures for the long-term benefit of all Malaysians," he said in the foreword of the 2016-2020 development plan which carries the theme 'Anchoring Growth on People'.

The 11MP was tabled by Najib, who is also the finance minister, in the Dewan Rakyat Thursday.

He cited productivity and innovation as important pillars of the 11th plan - elements also mentioned in the previous plans - in a bid to realise the intended results.

"The Eleventh Plan will make the difference - it contains specific strategies and programmes bounded on outcomes to unlock productivity and transform innovation to wealth," he said.

Najib explained that spurring productivity and innovation would provide the basis for sustained economic growth, create new economic opportunities and ensure continued well-being and prosperity of the people.

In his assessment of what had been achieved over the past five years, he said that despite encountering numerous headwinds from a global economic slowdown, Malaysia's economy had done extremely well with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth among the fastest in the region.

"The quality of life of the people has also improved, as reflected by the increase in both per capita income and the average household income," he noted.

This, he said, was made possible by the numerous reforms put in place by the government, among them the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), underpinned by the 10th MP.

"With 2020 now just five years away, the Eleventh Plan is the next critical step in our journey to become an advanced nation that is inclusive and sustainable," Najib said.

Moving forward, he said, Malaysia had to be cognisant that the global landscape was going to be increasingly challenging, with the likelihood of greater volatility and uncertainty in the global economy as a result of the decline in oil prices, realignment of exchange rates as well as geopolitical risks.

Najib called for the support, commitment and dedication of every Malaysian to ensure the success of the 11MP towards attaining the advanced-nation status.

"It is my belief that the true greatness of our nation comes from the enduring spirit of Malaysians, our shared values and ideals, and the great talent of our people.

"I urge all Malaysians to join us on the last leg of our momentous journey towards becoming an advanced nation. We will come together as a nation and we will get there together," he concluded.

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