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TEXT OF SPEECH BY YAB DATO' SRI MOHD. NAJIB BIN TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (GTP) AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (ETP) ON APRIL 28, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_ Bismillahirrahmanirrahim  
Alhamdulillah Rabbil A'lamin, wa biHi nasta'in, Sebanyak-banyak selawat dan salam kita ucapkan ke atas junjungan besar Nabi Muhammad SAW.

Seterusnya marilah kita sama-sama mengangkat rasa syukur tidak terhingga ke hadrat Yang Maha Berkuasa atas limpahan nikmat dan kurnia kepada negara ini. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera dan Salam 1 Malaysia.

1. On this auspicious night, with the will and permission of Allah SWT, we have reached the fourth year for the presentation of the reports on the Government Transformation Programme or GTP and the Economic Transformation Programme or ETP.

2. In reality, time has gone by very fast. The Government Transformation Programme and the Economic Transformation Programme have been in place for almost five years now.

3. In connection to this, as a responsible Government which is accountable and fulfills its promises, each year, when the time arrives, around the end of April like now, I as the Head of Government, and on behalf of my friends in the Cabinet, will come forth in readiness, to present the achievements and successes which have been attained each year.

4. As the saying goes, we are not empty vessels, not traders who sell dreams, and we do not speak lies. The bottomline line is that the Government today is a Government which stands on firm ground and deals with facts and realities.

5. What we want to share and report tonight are the real stories which are supported and backed by facts and data as well as valid numbers.

6. Most importantly, everything is recorded in the GTP report and the ETP report...everything is based on facts and figures, acknowledged by various parties, whether at the national or international level, specifically validated by certified auditors.

7. This means that we are not creating these figures and digits, or the achievement index, not at all, picking them out from the clouds or from the blue skies.

Ladies and Gentlemen as well as Beloved Malaysians

8. I bring this up because of late, the Government has been vehemently lambasted and criticised by certain parties....

9. In this situation, we are aware, as is the custom and way of the world, that, to meet the demands and wishes of all parties, in anything, is something that is impossible and not human. Only Allah SWT as the Creator and the Most Complete.

10. As I have often said, no country or civilisation in the world is built in a day, or accidentally. Surely, a successful motherland is built on systematic planning by the government in power.

11. As such, what is most important is that the people should know that for almost 60 years after we achieved independence, this country has been led by Barisan Nasional supported by an efficient and systematic administration. And at the core is a civil service which is based on the visions of the founding fathers.

12. Until today, there is continuity with the final and sole objective to see Malaysia emerge as a prosperous nation to be inherited by our children and grandchildren.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. The bottomline is, we listen to complaints and criticisms and welcome the views and opinions of all parties, especially the people at the bottom. However, it should be remembered that whatever criticisms and suggestions should be constructive and not blindly given.

14. Because, ...only with constructive criticism and suggestion are we able to correct, and improve on what is lacking and the weaknesses that exist here and there.

15. Otherwise, the process of national development will be disrupted...there will be chaos...and this would complicate the situation as well as confuse the people.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

16. Clearly, with the measures taken in the GTP and the ETP are some of the evidence that our Government does not sit still. In the language of youths today, what the Government is doing now is not for its own pleasure...on the other hand, all planning is based on feedback and the process of consultation with all levels of society.

17. This has been the basis of my leadership. The engagement and understanding the needs of the rakyat, is paramount in guiding me to deliver the right programmes for all Malaysians.

18. As such, among the main initiatives of the Government since September 2009, was to set up the Performance Management and Implementation Unit or simply PEMANDU, under the supervision of the Prime Minister's Department.

19. It should be known that the main aim and objective of PEMANDU under the National

Transformation Policy or DTN, is to supervise the implementation, assess progress, simplify and support delivery and spearhead the progress of the National Transformation Programme and the Economic Transformation Programme. This is all being implemented to make Malaysia a nation of High Income Advanced Economy, by the dawn of 2020 or much earlier than that. Insyah-Allah.

20. PEMANDU was set up as coordinator to assist all ministries. In other words, PEMANDU does not function alone. Instead, as a facilitator in organising the government transformation programmes, in line with the responsibilities of the ministries.

21. This means that overall, PEMANDU is a unit which monitors the KPI and work standards of Ministers, Ministries and related Government Agencies.

22. For the information of all, based on PEMANDU's report, the performance of Ministers will be presented, assessed and reviewed twice each year. This means that Ministers are also subject to their report cards which determine their KPI.

23. As such it should be made clear that PEMANDU comprises a combination of talents from the GLCs, private sector and government officials. The result is that, in only five years, the implementation of the Big Fast Results methodology in the GTP and ETP by PEMANDU for the transformation of Malaysia has attracted the attention of the world.

24. For instance, Tanzania is now using the model and consultation services of PEMANDU in its planning of the development agenda. While other nations like South Africa and India are now assessing to use PEMANDU's services.

25. In fact, last year, two researchers from the World Bank, Professors Charles Sabel and Luke Jordan published a research paper titled "Doing, Learning, Being: A Study of Malaysia's Transformation Program" which contained their acknowledgement of the actual results of the transformation in Malaysia.

26. Following that, for the year 2014, PEMANDU was also selected as one of the top 20 Government Innovation Teams at the global level by NESTA, which is an innovation body in UK and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Ladies and Gentlemen

27. On the presentation of the GTP and ETP reports tonight, as usual, many people out there are asking, as citizens, what has the report got to do with their daily lives?

28. Before that, it is better that I state that the Government Transformation Programme has passed the horizon or time frame of the first implementation, known as GTP 1.0 which was from 2010 to 2012. The GTP 2.0 is the second horizon, from 2012 to the end of this year, 2015.

29. As such, the overall assessment to determine the direction of the horizons of GTP 3.0

and so on will take us to the status of a developed nation.

30. Therefore, in summary, under the GTP, the government's main commitment is to ensure all Malaysians enjoy the best quality of life especially through the 7 National Key Result Areas or NKRA.

31. Under the ETP, with increasing global connectivity, it is important for us to build a more stable and durable economy. This is implemented through the 12 National Key Economic Areas.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

32. Although in 2014, we were faced with an uncertain global economy, and domestically we were also faced with various tragedies which were really challenging, however, Alhamdulillah, all implementation of the GTP and ETP continue to progress on a planned path and are producing positive results.

33. Thankfully, various successes and benefits were generally felt by the people. The GTP and the ETP were planned to be inclusive, sustainable, moving towards a High Income Developed Nation status.

34. I know and I am aware, that the audience and people are asking, what are the major indicators of the Government's achievements these five years.

35. For this purpose, I am happy to outline the five main indicators for the implementation of the GTP and the ETP to the nation and the people during the five years they were implemented, beginning from 2010 until this report has been updated: First, the per Capita income of Malaysians increased from US\$7,059 in 2009, to US\$10,426 in 2014;

Second, the investment value remained high, with investments worth RM142 billion in 2009, rising to RM228 billion in 2014;

Third, from 2010 up to 2014, 1.5 million new jobs were created in NKEA sectors.

Fourth, five million more people in rural areas enjoyed basic amenities such as electricity and clean water since the implementation of the GTP and ETP; and; Fifth, almost 170,000 poor were successfully taken out of poverty as a result of an increase in income in the five years.

Beloved Malaysians,

36. Within the major indicators that I have mentioned, the GTP and the ETP are supported by various initiatives such as investment activities in the Pengerang Integrated Complex in Johor, with the investment value past US\$27 billion by 2019, and capable of providing four thousand jobs to the people.

37. In addition, the GTP and ETP initiatives are increasingly resulting in development benefits to our brothers in Sabah and Sarawak.

38. For instance, in 2014 alone, 242 kilometres of roads were completed, six thousand homes provided with clean water, 13,000 families received electricity supply and 5,500 new homes completed.

Beloved Malaysians,

39. Referring to the NKRA Addressing the Rising Cost of Living, I am pleased to inform you that, now we have established 307 1Malaysia clinics throughout the country since 2010, covering urban and rural areas.

40. So far, I feel satisfied and relieved to report that the health services offered to citizens have received overwhelming response and brought benefit to more than 15.8 million treatment cases, with payment of only RM1.

41. For example, Mr Karupaya A/L Muthukanoo, from Pandamaran, Klang. He gave feedback towards this programme that the establishment of the 1Malaysia Clinic was a blessing and a facility that could be appreciated directly by him as a Malaysian.

42. Indeed, with this service, thousands of patients, especially among the urban population including Mr Karupaya now do not have to worry about time constraints and financial problems to receive basic medical care.

43. To that end, let us together thank and congratulate the officers and nurses in 1Malaysia Health Clinics!

Ladies and gentlemen,

44. Under this NKRA as well, I would like to report about the 1 Malaysia People's Aid or BR1M. I understand BR1M has now become a topic of much discussion. Therefore, let me take the opportunity tonight to correct inaccurate perceptions by certain quarters regarding the aid.

45. Actually, BR1M is a targeted subsidy in the form of cash given to the needy which is the best approach for Malaysians currently.

46. Everyone should know that such assistance has already been implemented by various countries in a variety of ways and under various names, such as education grants, health financial plan aid, welfare payments, and help through food stamps, and many others.

47. For example, in Indonesia in 2013, through the Family Hope Programme, its citizens were given cash assistance to help offset the cost of living due to the implementation of the rationalisation programme of subsidies for petrol and diesel. A total of 3.2 million Indonesian households were helped, with an estimated cost of 700 billion rupiah, equaling

to 200 million ringgit.

48.The method of assistance in the UK is through the provision of 'food stamps' by using a special card for the purchase of food.

49.Meanwhile, several other countries have also implemented the provision of aid in financial or non-financial terms.

50.It is clear that BR1M is not something which is isolated or foreign, but has also been the practiced in many developed countries as one of its 'social safety net' policies.

51.Above all, it should be well understood that BR1M is a transitional measure, in the fiscal consolidation process to ensure that we actually help those in desperate need, compared to wholesale subsidies implemented before.

52.In this regard, I would like to share the story of Puan Dayah Anak Kepada Mamut, aged 41, from Rumah Panjang in Betong, Sarawak. She is a single mother who now works as a security guard at a school and has four children aged between 11 and 20.

53.Here, as a leader, I would like to state that anyone can say anything they like and think.

54.However, for citizens like Puan Dayah, the 1Malaysia People's Aid truly help eases the burden borne by her for her children's schooling costs.

55.Let it be known that in addition to Puan Dayah, despite what is being said now, at least the government has tried its best to provide direct aid to seven million households and individuals in need, regardless of their political background.

Ladies and gentlemen,

56.Let us all thank Puan Dayah, along with three of her children, because they took the trouble and accepted our invitation to come to Kuala Lumpur to attend this ceremony.

57.Furthermore, since 2010, a total of 161 1Malaysia People's Stores have been established throughout the country. Through the 1Malaysia People's Stores, 272 types of 1Malaysia products are priced at 15 to 30 per cent lower than the market rate.

Ladies and gentlemen,

58.Referring to the NKRA for Improving Rural Development, Alhamdulillah, through the GTP so far, I am pleased to report that more than five million people in rural areas have benefited from the facilities provided such as roads, and the supply of clean water and electricity since 2010.

59.In this regard, I would like to share a GTP success story that continues to affect the daily life of the people.

60.It is about the building of a 60-kilometre road that connects Pekan Sook to Kampung Sinua in Keningau, Sabah.

61.The construction of this road, has brought blessings, and facilitated students from 18 schools in the area. On a larger scale, it has certainly made life easier for at least 10,000 people from the Murut and Dusun tribes.

62.Next, if I had mentioned last year, that the government had built 4,068 kilometres of rural roads, that is five times the distance of shuttling between Johor Bahru and Perlis, between the years 2010 and 2014, overall, we have built over 4,553 kilometres of roads.

63.In the perspective of other infrastructure, rural development programmes have also helped over 330,000 households to enjoy clean water supply. Meanwhile, almost another 130,000 can now enjoy uninterrupted electricity supply.

Ladies and gentlemen,

64.For the NKRA on Improving Urban Public Transport, efforts to improve urban public transport facilities have demonstrated a positive change, in which case, the number of passengers who commute daily to Kuala Lumpur, has exceeded 455 thousand people per day, especially during peak hours.

65.Therefore, the bus service will be improved further with the introduction of Bus Rapid Transit or BRT Sunway Line managed by Prasarana Malaysia Berhad, and is expected to be completed in June 2015.

66.I am pleased to announce that this first BRT service in Malaysia will facilitate 500,000 residents all around Subang Jaya and Bandar Sunway.

67.In relation to this, I also want to give good news to residents around Sri Petaling, Bukit Jalil, and Puchong, that Phase 1 of the Ampang LRT line expansion programme will be completed in October 2015.

68.This clearly shows that we as a government, do not practice partisanship in places to develop, but it is the people's interests and welfare that is the priority of our administration.

69.This means that the extension of this line is expected to cater to an additional 130,000 daily commuters when it is completed.

70.As for the KTM Komuter service, as of 2014, 38 six-car trains have been added. With this addition, the waiting time has been reduced from 30 minutes to just 15 minutes.

Ladies and gentlemen,

71. For the NKRA pertaining to Raising Living Standards of Low-Income Households, so far nearly 170,000 poor people can live more comfortably with the implementation of the programme to end the period of poverty or 1AZAM, which among other things focuses on self-development capabilities and financial skills.

72. We are also proud with the achievement of the 1AZAM programme, where almost 65,000 families from the target group have been helped to develop capacity and skill.

73. As an example, I would like to share the story of Ms. Clarissa Balicao from Sabah. She is with us in the auditorium tonight.

74. I have been told that due to her determination to change her fate and that of her family, she enrolled herself into the 1AZAM programme and participated in the various trainings that were offered.

75. Now, Ms. Clarissa already has her own salon in Kota Marudu, Sabah, and is able to earn more than RM6,000 a month. Let us give a round of applause and congratulate the 1AZAM programme and the success of Ms. Clarissa!

Ladies and gentlemen,

76. Wise men often say, knowledge is beacon of life. Education then is a light which guides human civilisation. Referring to NKRA for Ensuring Quality Education, the government has provided assistance to various groups of students.

77. For example, more than 100 million ringgit in fees aid has been given to nearly 130,000 pre-school students in private institutions and from among low-income households.

78. Besides that, aid in the form of school fees, almost 7.5 million ringgit has been given to more than 3,000 children placed in private child care centres.

79. Furthermore, pertaining to the increased levels of literacy in Bahasa Malaysia and English, as well as the numeracy rate among students, there is the true and interesting story of Nor Izzati Sabrina from Ipoh, Perak.

80. I have been informed that Nor Izzati dreams of becoming a lawyer. Her admission into a School of High Performance or SBT, Sekolah Kebangsaan Marian Convent in Ipoh, has helped improve her skills to communicate and socialise.

81. Indeed, high performance schools are among the GTP initiatives that are bearing fruit. In 2014, 13 more schools have been identified as SBT, bringing the total to 128 schools. Hopefully, SBT will continue to produce students who are competent and excel in all aspects.

82. Indeed, SBT has opened up opportunities for talented students like Nor Izzati, to hone their communication and social skills and among other things, representing her school in

choral speaking competitions.

83. Therefore, the Government intends to produce more students like this and we say 'syabas' and all the best to Izzati on her tireless efforts!

Ladies and gentlemen,

84. Referring to the NKRA on Reducing Crime, we are now grateful that the crime rate in the country under the GTP has been reduced by 40 per cent within the last five years.

85. For example, in 2014 alone, car theft cases have decreased by almost 20 per cent, the first time we have seen a decline in car thefts since the introduction of this NKRA.

86. What is important is that efforts to reduce the crime rate will continue. There is still much work to be done to combat crime.

87. The collaboration between the Royal Malaysia Police and local communities as well as government agencies will be intensified, in order to create a safe environment for people to live in, to be visited by tourists, and win the confidence of investors.

88. Lastly, under the NKRA for Fighting Corruption, Malaysia has improved in its perception index score, rising from 44th spot in 2010 to 52nd in 2014, from among 175 countries.

Dear Beloved Malaysians,

89. We pronounce gratitude to Allah SWT, despite the global economic uncertainties, we were still able to achieve strong GDP growth in 2014, which is 6 per cent, thus exceeding the 5.7 per cent estimated by the World Bank, and has made Malaysia's GDP growth among the highest in ASEAN.

90. Private investment also covered 64 percent of total investments last year, thus making the private sector the main driver of overall investment in the country.

91. This is evidenced by a compounded annual growth rate or CAGR for private investment which has increased 2.5 times between 2011 to 2014.

Ladies and gentlemen,

92. As I presented at the beginning of the report, if the GTP's performance is divided into three horizons, ETP then is an economic programme which is measured based on three long-term overall achievements until the year 2020, which are:

Firstly, to achieve a per capita income of US\$15,000;

Secondly, to create as many as 3.3 million jobs; and

Thirdly, to receive US\$444 billion in investment by 2020.

93.Hence, talking about the ETP, according to the report, we are now on the true path which we had hoped of.

94.Therefore, for the purposes of this report, I will mention a few examples of ETP initiatives to be proud of.

95.For the NKEA of Greater Kuala Lumpur/Klang Valley, it is with great pleasure I would like to report that the Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT project, as of 2014, is ahead of schedule having been 59 per cent completed.

96.For phase one from Sungai Buloh to Semantan, it is expected to be operational from December 2016. Whereas the full stretch from Sungai Buloh to Kajang will begin in July 2017.

97.Among its impacts, the MRT project has built human capital among Malaysians in various fields, especially in the field of engineering.

98.An interesting thing, I have been informed that this project has provided working opportunities to approximately 2,800 Malaysians, whereby 20 per cent of them are our fellow young engineers.

99.The River of Life project also will boost the liveability of Kuala Lumpur as a world iconic city. Through this project as well, the government will improve the cleanliness of Sungai Klang and Sungai Gombak.

100.Furthermore, the river cleaning project as of 2014 is 53 per cent completed. Among the initiatives that have been completed are eight water treatment plants and four wastewater treatment plants.

126.Simultaneously, the KPI for the entire SRI also exceeded the intended target, achieving 120 percent.

Ladies and gentlemen,

127.Based on these successes, we can definitely be relieved to say that Malaysia has moved into the right track, with the various certifications from international bodies, with each passing day, becoming a better nation, from yesterday.

128.Even so, as I have often reminded, we have never neglected nor forgotten that, there are still areas for improvement and advancement.

129.In fact, the idea of a nation based on the philosophy, Rakyat Didahulukan, Pencapaian Diutamakan (People First, Performance Now), as a Sabahan would say, will always be the main axis in all Malaysia's planning for advancement.

130. Thus, in presenting the 2015 budget, I had stressed on the balance between capital economy and people economy, with the theme "Economy for People" or EKR which forms the basis, as well as guidelines in putting the interests of the people first.

Ladies and gentlemen,

131. Although 2014 was a most challenging and fateful year with so many tragedies, I can assure you that the Government will continue to be committed to building a safe and prosperous Malaysia.

132. The Ease of Doing Business Index report issued by The World Bank, too, has ranked Malaysia at 18th place, compared to 20th position previously.

133. Moreover, in the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014 report, Malaysia's ranking has risen to 12th position from No. 15.

Beloved Malaysians,

134. Earlier, on January 20 as a proactive Government, I, without much delay, had made a special message to inform the rakyat on the current economic development and the financial situation of the country. I had expounded six basic matters among them :

135. Firstly, we are not in an emergency or crisis situation, as in 1997 and 1998, and ...

136. Secondly, government strategies announced at that time were proactive steps to make adjustments, as a reality check, to continue with the economic development agenda.

137. Furthermore, yesterday, after ten years, we once again successfully organised the 26th ASEAN Summit, which saw Malaysia's chairmanship for the year 2015.

138. At the summit which just ended this afternoon in Langkawi, we had tried to achieve two important matters, namely, the establishment of an ASEAN economic community and roadmap or ASEAN direction in the next 10 years as another important milestone for the over 600 million people in Southeast Asia.

139. Obviously, this historic event, within Asia and ASEAN, would be another catalyst under the National Transformation Policy to attain High Income Developed nation status as targeted.

140. From there, less than a month from tonight, in mid-May, I will be presenting another important national document which is the 11th Malaysia Plan (RMK-11).

141. The RMK-11, is a magnificent gift, as the final push for all Malaysia's planning and implementation in entering 2020.

Beloved Malaysians,

142. Clearly, I urge all Malaysians to think rationally and not be swayed by emotions in judging the government and its sincere efforts all these while.

143. No words can express, to describe how important it is for us to have big hearts in striving to develop the country.

144. Therefore, I urge, let us keep all disputes at bay and find a common ground, for the sake of Malaysia's prosperity. Be confident and believe me, when the truth shines and emerges later, there will be no more insults and accusations.

145. The Greek philosophers trumpeted, Imam Ghazali too had exhorted, right up to leaders and famous personalities of the world, among them Mahatma Ghandi, Kennedy, Martin Luther King and famous philosopher from the Malay archipelago Hamka had advised, it is customary for those who strive, to face difficulties and challenges.

146. However, ... ladies and gentlemen and people of Malaysia., with all the drawbacks, even when we are being slammed and criticised, as a transparent Government, I as Prime Minister, together with the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, ministers and fellow members in the administration, will never budge or surrender, but will remain consistent and continue to struggle, in serving the people and country.

147. According to Hamka, and the wisdom of the Bugis, in striving, if we paddle a boat to sea, it must not turn back, no matter how huge the waves have struck, despite a broken rudder, and a torn sail or a thousand ships may have sunk, it is more honourable for us to continue fighting than to turn back.

148. Thus, as long as we have our noble ambitions we will not be alone, not lose direction and guidance. Come ... Come on ... let us together work with the same spirit of struggle, continue to brave forward, in making Malaysia a developed nation and respected by the world.

149. May Allah SWT always bless Malaysia, and forever grant happiness, peace and prosperity to the people and the country.

Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Thank you.

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