

NTP Creates 1.8 Million Jobs Between 2010 And 2016 - PM Najib

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- The National Transformation Programme (NTP) created 1.8 million jobs between 2010 and 2016, of which over one million were high-income jobs, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said through NTP the Gross National Income increased by nearly 50 percent and Malaysia has almost eradicated poverty, reducing it to just 0.6 percent.

"We have kept inflation and unemployment low, and have been acclaimed by global institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF (International Monetary Fund) for the reforms we have undertaken.

"We are firmly on the path to become a high-income nation. In short, we have an economic plan. That plan is working, we have delivered, and we will continue to deliver," Najib said during his keynote address at the 2017 Global Transformation Forum (GTF), at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, here today.

Najib said through NTP, no Malaysian gets left behind, where the needs of all people are met, and all communities are able to contribute to and share in the wealth of the country.

Meanwhile, the success stories of two individuals, Zul Izzamin and Chik Azmily Che Abdul Aziz, who benefited from the NTP that was launched in 2010, received special mention from Najib during his keynote address.

He said, under the Small Retailer Transformation Programme (TUKAR), Zul Izzamin who inherited a sundry shop from his late father in Johor was cited under the NTP to improve the living standards of low income households.

Najib said Zul took a TUKAR programme that was advertised in a newspaper and found out he was eligible, enrolled and took the initiative to implement expert advice from TUKAR programme mentors.

"He took a RM25,000 loan offered under the programme and renovated his shop. Since then he said 'our shop income increased by 100-200 per cent'. A wonderful example of the NTP in action," he said.

The other success story is that of a Kelantanese, Chik Azmily and his wife who are involved in the 1AZAM (Poverty Eradication Programme) initiative, which provided him with agricultural equipment, seeds, fertiliser and herbicides.

He said Chik Azmily started growing short-term seasonal cash crops such as cucumber and watermelons and selling them to wholesalers.

"His wife (name not mentioned) was provided with sewing machines to kick-start her tailoring work, and she managed to secure a deal with a batik factory to tailor batik shirts.

"Within a couple of years, they had gone from earning RM500 a month to RM5,000 a month. Isn't that remarkable?," he added.

Furthermore, Najib also shared the success stories of Idris who comes from a small community, Kelabit in the rural area of Sarawak, which consists of only 5,000 people in that community, and once had made himself a cabinet minister.

"We are so proud. Despite representing a very tiny community, he made it to become a Cabinet Minister. That is also another transformation story," he said.

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