

National Mission

“All politicians want to be popular. That is our bread and butter. But popularity must not come ahead of doing the right thing. I have not set out to do what is popular. I have set out to try and do what is right for this country. I have set out to do what I believe is right not just for this generation but for those to follow.”

YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi

We now begin the second phase towards achieving Vision 2020.

We want our country to be a developed country, imbued with its own unique characteristics.

We want progress that is holistic, encompassing all nine aspects contained in Vision 2020.

We want progress that is enjoyed by all, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

We want to build a progressive and developed civilisation that echoes the glorious age of Islam and other civilisations, in line with the concept of Islam Hadhari.

As a guide for the rest of this journey, the Government has drafted



While knowledge and information are easily accessible now, people need to be educated on how to use them to their advantage and create value in their personal lives. The National Mission has identified the creation of knowledgeable human resources as a vital activity for the next 15 years.

and will implement the National Mission – a framework for the country’s development agenda which outlines the key steps we must take in the 15 years to come.

The National Mission aims to concentrate the country’s efforts on priority areas which will ultimately lead to achieving Vision 2020. These priority areas encompass the nation’s global competitiveness, human capital development, national integration, ethnic relations, distribution of income and wealth and the quality of life.



Malaysia has a masterplan to become a regional aviation hub. The KLIA Ekspres, the high speed train service is part of the plan to provide seamless connectivity from airport to city centre. This places Malaysia among few elite cities in the world that provide this kind of service. More than 10 million travelers have made use of this service since it was launched in 2002.

Our focus on these areas will enable us to attain better results and greater impact from our developmental efforts.

The National Mission comprises five thrusts, as follows:

- The first thrust is to move the economy up the value chain. The Government aims to increase the value add of existing economic sectors as well as generate new knowledge-intensive activities and employment in ICT, biotechnology and services. The Government will also build an environment which encourages the private sector to take a leading role in the country's economic development.
- The second thrust is to raise the country's capacity for knowledge, creativity and innovation and nurture "first-class mentality". Malaysia's future success depends on the quality of its human capital, not only in terms of intellect but also character. Therefore, in line with this thrust, the Government aims to undertake comprehensive improvement of the country's education system, from pre-school to tertiary and vocational institutions. A more enabling environment will also be fostered to encourage R&D. At the same time, heavier emphasis will be placed on the shaping of values to create more well-rounded individuals.



Today, Malaysia is the 17th largest trading nation in the world as measured by total trade volume. Exports are expected to grow at an average of 8.5% annually for the next five years. Over this period, trade is expected to exceed a trillion ringgit – the first time in our history we will achieve this milestone.

- The third thrust is to address persistent socio-economic inequalities constructively and productively. The Government strongly believes in eradicating poverty, generating more balanced growth and ensuring the benefits of growth are enjoyed by the Malaysian people in a fair and just manner.
- The fourth thrust is to improve the standard and sustainability of our quality of life. The Government will continue to provide for

basic needs such as water, energy, housing, transportation and other amenities but more emphasis must now be placed on addressing issues related to maintenance, upgrading and efficient usage of resources.

- The fifth and final thrust of the National Mission is to strengthen the institutional and implementation capacity of the country. The success of our plans rests on our ability to implement. As such, the Government aims to improve the public services delivery system at various levels. The Government will also address issues related to corruption and integrity in the public sector, the private sector and among the general public.

Extract from the speech of the Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, at the tabling of the motion on the Ninth Malaysia Plan 2006-2010 in the Dewan Rakyat on 31 March 2006.