

Malaysia a success story, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is a success story and the momentum will further continue until the country is listed in the world's top 20 nations, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

"If were to look at last year's success, Malaysia has made a tremendous progress so much so that the World Bank has revised its projection not once or twice, instead three times.

"This is due to our unexpected achievement, recording a growth rate of 5.9 per cent, which is among the highest achievements in the world," he said in his speech at the launch of the National Transformation Programme (NTP) 2017, here tonight.

He said moving forward, the government have big plans for the country, including big infrastructure projects such as the Mass Rapid Transit, Light Rail Transit, the East Coast Rail Line and the Pan Borneo Highway Sarawak.

The MRT project, he noted, was completed earlier than the initial target, saving about RM2 billion from the budget.

No one is left behind under the NTP, Najib said, adding that: "We want to bring Malaysians from the old notch to the new notch so that Malaysia can become a competitive and highly regarded nation in the international arena.

"I resolve to drive the nation's development towards a far better future and I want us to be on the waves of a great change. We have big plans for this country," he added.

The NTP was launched in 2009 in the quest to implement socio-economic reform and transform Malaysia into a high income nation. – BERNAMA

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