

FIRST
MALAYSIA PLAN
1966-1970

FOREWORD

The year 1965 marks the final phase of the Malayan Second Five-Year Plan and the advent of a new comprehensive and integrated Plan for the development of all the constituent states of Malaysia.

The progress made over the last five years in the Malaysian economy has been impressive and gratifying. While the people and the Government can rightly be proud of this achievement, I look upon this record with deep humility for we cannot afford to be complacent. The key to progress and prosperity lies not in satisfaction with what we have already achieved but in a firm determination to make ever greater efforts in the future. The next few years will be crucial in the history of Malaysia. All Malaysians need to redouble their efforts to sustain economic growth and development in the face of the many complex problems and challenging tasks ahead.


The First Malaysia Plan represents a major step forward in meeting this challenge. With the launching of this Plan, involving a total development outlay of \$10,500 million in both the public and private sectors, we will consolidate the foundation already laid for the far-reaching process of Malaysia's modernisation and nation-building. The Plan is presented in two parts: Part One sets out the position and problems of the economy and the objectives and strategy of the Plan. Part Two contains the detailed sector programmes, including the development expenditure and policies to be undertaken by the Government in each area of activity. The policies and programmes are mapped out in a clear assigned order of priority to achieve the economic and social goals of the nation.

The bold and ambitious targets envisaged in the Plan are nevertheless realistic in relation to the resources and capacity of the economy although immense efforts will be needed to mobilise and obtain the requisite internal and external resources for Plan implementation.

Malaysians should regard the First Malaysia Plan as an opportunity for each and everyone to serve ~~the nation~~ for prosperity and security by giving the national economic development and defence the absolute top priority that the country requires. The success of the First Malaysia Plan will demonstrate to the world and all Malaysians alike that in the face of national emergency and threats of external aggression, we are undeterred in our efforts to raise living standards by promoting sustained economic growth with an imaginative and constructive programme of development.

The achievement of the objectives of the Plan will require determination, self-reliance and sacrifice for the sake of a better life and a secure economic, social and political future. The Government does not conceal the immense problems with which the nation is confronted but accepts the challenge of development and will play its role in the attainment of a better, happier and more peaceful life for all Malaysians. The Government is equipped and fully prepared to deploy its resources and exercise its imagination and ingenuity to discharge this national responsibility. It is my hope that Malaysians, whose magnificent response and enthusiasm have been responsible for the success of the country's development programmes in recent years, will continue to participate in this great development effort under the First Malaysia Plan. Leaders in the trade unions and management should also share fully in this opportunity and responsibility to help develop the country. I am confident that this Plan will receive the full co-operation and support that it deserves for the good of the people and future generations.

In submitting this Plan for adoption by both the Dewan Ra'ayat and Dewan Negara, I wish to record my appreciation of the good work of the Chairman, Dato' Abdul Jamil bin Abdul Rais, and members of the NDPC, the officials of the Central and State Governments and public authorities as well as the representatives of the private sector all of whom have given generously their time and views. I would also like to pay a warm tribute to my colleague, the Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, who, in spite of his many other heavy commitments, devoted his close and personal attention to directing the preparation of the Plan. In addition, I would like, on behalf of the Government, to express my sincere thanks to the World Bank and its Mission staff members, particularly Mr William M. Gilmartin, for their valuable advice and assistance.



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