

7 PRIORITIES

REDOUBLING EFFORTS:

Prime minister urges civil servants to serve the people better

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday listed seven areas for civil servants to focus on this year.

Speaking at the first monthly gathering of the Prime Minister's Department this year, he urged them to ensure the 2013 Budget was implemented smoothly by focusing on the national transformation agenda, which had a direct impact on the people.

This, he said, was in line with the budget's theme of "Prospering the Nation, Ensuring Well-being of the People: Promises Fulfilled".

Describing 2012 as a successful year for the government, Najib told civil servants that this did not mean they could rest on their laurels as they still had to work hard for the country to achieve the status of a developed and high-income nation.

"As a Malaysian race which aims for excellence, we must not be too comfortable or complacent even though we achieved many successes last year," he said.

- Implement efficiently 2013 Budget
- Strengthen national unity through 1Malaysia concept
- Manage economy for strong growth and fair distribution of wealth to people
- Continue national transformation agenda
- Implement National Blue Ocean Strategy, Malaysia Education Blueprint, Rural and Urban Transformation Centres and 1Malaysia For Youth
- Ensure the key performance indicators for ministers and ministries are met
- Continue improving the government delivery system based on speed, accuracy and integrity

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"I want 2013 to be a year where we can achieve more successes and, if possible, redouble efforts so that we can achieve bigger successes. Let us renew our resolution and determination for 2013."

The six other priorities Najib emphasised involved strengthening national unity, managing the economy and distribution of wealth, implementing government initiatives like the Malaysia Education Blueprint and Rural and Urban Transformation Centres, key performance indices for ministries and better delivery of services to the people.

Najib said strengthening national unity using the 1Malaysia concept would ensure that all strata of so-

ciety felt the government was fair, equitable and inclusive.

Through continuous economic growth, the government could ensure national wealth was enjoyed by the majority of the people.

Najib reminded civil servants that 2013 brought them closer to Vision 2020.

"We must enhance our competitiveness level as more initiatives will be announced this year, like the Malaysia Education Blueprint, which will have a huge impact on the future development of human capital.

"I hope to see a civil service that is more vibrant."

Najib also commented on Malaysia's recent success in global rankings, with *International Living*,



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** speaking at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly gathering yesterday. With him are (from left) Deputy Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department **Datuk Liew Vui Keong** and **Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom**, and Deputy Prime Minister **Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin**. Pic by Fariz Iswadi Ismail

a monthly newsletter covering topics like retiring overseas and living abroad, ranking Malaysia among its top three retirement countries for this year.

"The focus of the survey was on value for money. This shows the world recognises our stability, peace and economic achievement."

Present were Deputy Prime Min-

ister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Dr Ali Hamsa, as well as ministers and deputy ministers in the Prime Minister's Department.

PM: Make the impact felt

Seven priorities for civil servants to ensure people get the best of govt projects



PUTRAJAYA: Civil servants have been given seven priorities this year to ensure that the people will enjoy the best of the Government's programmes including the promises in Budget 2013.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said these priority areas would ensure that the country's wealth was distributed fairly while making sure that the national transformation programmes continue to have positive impact on the life of the people.

He listed the seven areas as:

- > strengthening national unity;
- > managing the economy;
- > on-time implementation of projects and assistance in Budget 2013;
- > continuation of the national transformation agenda;
- > implementation of the National Blue Ocean Strategy;
- > achieving ministers' KPI in full; and
- > further improving the delivery system.

The Prime Minister said national unity and identity would be strengthened through the 1Malaysia concept where everyone, regardless of their race and location, would feel the Barisan Nasional Government was a fair and inclusive government.

"All projects and financial assistance in Budget 2013 must be implemented according to schedule and the people must feel the impact.

"While civil servants will be



Efficient delivery: Najib stressing a point in his message during his department's monthly assembly in Putrajaya. Looking on are Muhyiddin and the department's deputy senior chief secretary Datuk Othman Mahmood (left).

receiving their half month's bonus this month, the distribution of financial aid including the (RM100) for school students and BR1M 2.0 (Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia) should not only be as scheduled but also to proceed smoothly," he said at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly assembly here yesterday.

Also present was Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Najib said that in managing the economy, the Government would

ensure a continued healthy growth and that the distribution of wealth to the *rakyat* is based on social justice.

"The national transformation agenda such as the GTP, ETP with its EPPs and the Strategic Reform Initiative will be continued.

"Programmes under the National Blue Ocean Strategy will be given priority while others including the National Education Blueprint will be implemented this year," he said.

Najib said the opening of more Rural Transformation Centres, Urban Transformation Centres and implementation of the 1M4U programme would also be emphasised.

As for civil servants, Najib said there should be a continuation on improving the government delivery system.

"It must be done based on three aspects - fast, accurate and with integrity," he said.