

Foreword

The Coalition Government's National Development Plan 2025-2029 and Vision 2050 has been formulated as a blueprint for progress and prosperity for our nation. The Plan is a pathway for empowering our people through 'unity' where all our citizens thrive in a dynamic and resilient economy.

Key policies and strategies in the plan are also drawn from the Manifestos of the Coalition partners.

Our nation has made significant progress since gaining independence 54 years ago. In the 1970s, a population of half a million was primarily engaged in subsistence agriculture and sugar production. Today, with close to one million people, the economy has diversified and expanded with broader range of industries and sectors.



This National Development Plan 2025-2029 and Vision 2050 is about bringing a more transformative change to realise better economic growth and opportunities for greater prosperity of our current and future generations.

As we move forward, we will continue to face headwinds, particularly with the current geopolitical environment which is affecting our global economy. In addition, we are still recovering from the impact of COVID-19. At the same time, we must respond to the reality of climate change, low growth, and high debt.

The implementation of the National Development Plan will ensure that we collectively respond to these headwinds as a nation through building economic resilience, enhancing social wellbeing, and protecting our fragile natural environment.

In the formulation process, we undertook nationwide public consultations and listened to the people. The inclusive approach reflects the needs and ambitions of our people, and I encourage us all to take ownership of the Plan.

We consider the National Development Plan as the 'people's plan' since it outlines strategic priorities in three simple pillars of economic resilience, people empowerment, and good governance.

In the next three years, we are committed to deliver practical solutions to our strategic priorities, for example by providing access to clean drinking water to all our citizens, provision of better infrastructure in both our rural and urban areas, improving and upgrading of our healthcare facilities and associated services strengthening institutions in maintaining law and order, and the delivery of quality education and training our people.

Our success will depend on the collective efforts - viz-a-viz the public sector private sector, civil society, and all citizens alike. We must work together with a shared sense of purpose and responsibility to deliver the actions and realise the goals set out in this document.

As we embark on this journey, I am confident that the resilience, creativity, and determination of our people will drive us forward. Let us embrace this moment to build a future that is vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable.

We must come together as one nation and share a common vision. We must ensure sustainable political stability to build and restore confidence to facilitate a process of uninterrupted nation building. Our new Plan embodies the will and aspirations of our people and sets in motion the process of nation-building. Many people from all sections of our communities were consulted during the process of formulating our Plan, which covers the 3 broad pillars of development, namely economic resilience, people empowerment and good governance.

I wish to thank members of the Thematic Working Groups for your direct involvement, commitment, selfless effort and contribution. I also greatly appreciate inputs received from the members of the public who attended the public consultations held around the country, including rural and outer islands.

On behalf of the Coalition Government, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those that have contributed their time and expertise, particularly those from outside Government in the formulation of the National Development Plan 2025-2029 and Vision 2050.



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