

Zahid touts 'honest review' of 12MP achievements

PUTRAJAYA: As the nation moves towards the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP), there must be bolder and more radical planning, says Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said it is vital to review initiatives under the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP), assess achievements, address shortcomings, and enhance services for rural communities.

"Honesty is the best policy. We must be brave enough to accept the truth, acknowledge our weaknesses, and rectify any mistakes.

"The key performance indicators (KPIs) we set each year must be based on public satisfaction because we are here to serve them and their future," the Rural and Regional Development

Minister said when delivering a New Year message at his ministry here yesterday.

Ahmad Zahid said the Rural Development Policy Action Plan 2030 (DPLB 2030) and the ministry's Strategic Plan 2025 would also be reviewed to ensure their implementation aligns with the focus of the 13MP.

He added that Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) has been tasked with conducting a comprehensive study on public satisfaction regarding the provision of basic needs, facilities, and efforts to stimulate the socio-economic development of rural areas, Bernama reported.

"The findings are crucial to ensure our plans remain relevant and more impactful," he said.

He also stressed that the ministry's staff and agencies must adopt strategic thinking through a cross-functional approach to avoid overlapping roles, enhance efficiency and optimise resource utilisation effectively.

"This approach will be implemented through three clusters: the Human Capital Cluster, the Economic Cluster and the Entrepreneurial Cluster," he added.

"We must consolidate the strengths of every organisation with diverse skills and experiences to achieve a common goal."

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Light moment: Ahmad Zahid speaking to the press upon his arrival for the New Year event.
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