



PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA FOREWORD



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In 2020, Malaysia was tested with a difficult and enduring challenge in the form of the COVID-19 pandemic. The planning and physical development of the country was also affected due to the spread of this pandemic. Hence, a new direction is in need to guide the physical planning and development of the country in the COVID-19, as well as post-COVID-19 period.

The Fourth National Physical Plan (NPP4) is prepared and designed as a planning document to implement this function. NPP4 translates national sectoral policies into spatial dimensions. It also outlines the appropriate policies, strategies and actions to ensure that **Malaysia can become a more dynamic, prosperous and resilient nation**, in terms of the economy, the environment and social equity, in order to ensure the people's well-being.

NPP4 also gives focus to the balance of development between regions, cities and rural areas so that they complement each other in creating synergies for the ensuing development of the country. In order to create a balance in planning and physical development, the National Physical Planning Council (NPPC) will continue to play its role in advising the Federal and State Governments towards the achievement of sustainable development in the country.

Finally, it is my great hope that this NPP4 can be translated as best as possible at the state and local levels to ensure the continuation of a clear and structured policy implementation, as well as becoming the basis of physical development and spatial planning framework for the long term to drive the nation's economic growth and shape a balanced country for the prosperity of the people in line with the aspirations of Keluarga Malaysia until the year 2040.

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**MINISTER OF HOUSING AND
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MESSAGE**



The Fourth National Physical Plan (NPP4) is the fundamental strategic document for national development. In line with global aspirations to 'build back better' and the KPKT aspirations of a Liveable Malaysia, NPP4 reinforces the commitment and determination for sustainable development in a more holistic and comprehensive manner.

NPP4 adopts the whole government approach. Therefore, the government's commitment and determination to realise post-pandemic prosperity must be strengthened with the involvement of all the stakeholders in the management and implementation of planning and physical development of the country.

The preparation of this NPP4 has gone through various processes involving the ministries and agencies at the federal, state and local levels, including the civil society/non-governmental organisations. The engagements with the stakeholders ensure that the national direction for spatial planning and development can be implemented comprehensively by the year 2040.

As the Ministry responsible for the preparation of this NPP4 document, I sincerely hope that it will be used as a reference by various parties at all levels in their efforts to contribute towards the development of the country. In line with the aspiration of 'Keluarga Malaysia' which embraces the core principles of 'prosperity, inclusion and sustainability' - the core agenda, strategic direction and various strategies related to planning and development contained in NPP4 must be understood and appreciated by as many policy-makers and decision-makers as possible.

The next decade will be a very important period for the development of the country. The aspirations and wishes of the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP), for instance, must be in tandem with the aim of NPP4. In fact, both documents will complement each other in every way. NPP4 will be the starting point of our determination to achieve a '**Prosperous, Resilient and Liveable Nation**'. I am very confident that, with the cooperation of all parties, we will be able to overcome any challenges with regard to national development in the post-pandemic era thoroughly and effectively.

Thank you.



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**SECRETARY GENERAL
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MESSAGE

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The Fourth National Physical Plan (NPP4) was drafted to guide the strategic direction of the country's physical planning and development. It is in line with the economic planning of the Five Year Malaysia Plan towards achieving a sustainable development of the country.

NPP4 supports the achievement of the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030, the 12th Malaysia Plan as well as our national commitments at the global level such as the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

NPP4 is a comprehensive document that is responsive to current and future development challenges, especially in dealing with global threats such as the risk of climate change, natural disasters, and environmental degradation as well as social changes involving health issues such as the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. Aspects of intelligent development as well as more dynamic development management are also emphasised in NPP4.

To ensure the implementation of NPP4 is comprehensive, KPKT through PLANMalaysia has established close cooperations with various Ministries, Federal Government agencies and State Governments. This synergy is important in the effort to translate and coordinate economic, social and other sectoral development policies into the spatial dimension. The inclusion of the Federal Territory of Labuan in NPP4 planned area will certainly give a new dimension to spatial planning across the South China Sea, and a manifestation of a concerted effort to create a balance of development between regions and between urban and rural areas. The support and concerted efforts of all parties involved in translating NPP4 into implementation will ensure that the aim of a **Prosperous, Resilient and Liveable Nation** can be achieved and strengthened in the future.



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PREFACE**



“ The National Physical Plan (NPP) is the highest-level planning document in the country's land use planning system. This is stipulated under the provisions of Section 6B, Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172). In line with Subsection 6B(4) of Act 172 which provides that NPP be reviewed every five

years, this Fourth National Physical Plan (NPP4) is prepared in conjunction with the preparation of the Five Year Malaysia Plan (FYMP).

With the aim of **Prosperous, Resilient and Liveable Nation**, NPP4 is designed as a comprehensive development plan by focusing on various aspects that are of importance to the country and the people such as national security planning including the management of national waters within three nautical miles, digital infrastructure, smart development, carbon neutral country, national food security and inclusive and liveable community.

This NPP4 has been approved for implementation in the 39th National Physical Planning Council (NPPC) Meeting (Item 3 Year 2021) on 21st October 2021. NPP4 covers the whole of Peninsular Malaysia and the Federal Territory of Labuan. Sabah and Sarawak are excluded from NPP4 planned area as both states are subject to different planning legislations. NPP4 has outlined goal oriented **3 Development Thrusts, 11 Strategic Directions, 39 Strategies and 120 Actions** to be implemented by the Ministries and the implementing agencies at the federal and state levels.

Every development plan at the state level must conform to NPP4 by translating its strategies and actions in the preparation of Development Plans, namely Structure Plans and Local Plans in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7(3)(aa) of the Act 172. NPP4 must be made as the main reference by all parties in the planning and formulation of spatial development programmes towards ensuring a prosperous, resilient and liveable nation.



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