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The Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak announced 20 new projects, including 11 under the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) and nine in three Economic Corridors, at the Pullman hotel in Putrajaya on 16 November, 2012. Altogether these projects are expected to contribute RM10.08 billion in Gross National Income (GNI), attract investments worth RM26.09 billion and create 64,282 jobs by 2020. The 11 projects in seven of the ETP's National Key Economic Areas (NKEAs) will altogether contribute RM1.129 billion of GNI in the year 2020 as well as attract investments of RM6.68 billion and create 40,021 jobs by 2020. The seven NKEAs are Oil, Gas and Energy; Greater KL/KV; Communications Content and Infrastructure; Business Services; Healthcare; Tourism and Education. The Prime Minister also announced the progress of the Competition, Standards and Liberalisation Strategic Reform Initiatives (CSL SRI) as well as the Narrowing Disparities SRI. The nine projects under three corridors, the Sabah Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA) and Iskandar Region Development Authority (IRDA), which will complement the ETP in propelling Malaysia's economic growth. The 9 projects will contribute RM8.95 billion of GNI in the year 2020 as well as attract investments of RM19.41 billion and create 24,261 jobs by 2020. IT and cloud computing Of significance to enterprise IT and cloud computing are investments by CRF Computer Recovery Facility Sdn. Bhd. And GPSTech Solutions Sdn Bhd. Included under the Business Services NKEA, CRF Computer Recovery Facility is investing RM15.5 million in its 60,000 sq. ft. purpose built data centre facility and network infrastructure, in Kelana Jaya, a part of Petaling Jaya. When this data centre began operations in 1991, it occupied 20,000 sq. ft. space and was Malaysia's first purpose-built data centre and this investment will triple the floor space among other enhancements. This Tier III data centre offers one-stop business continuity data centre services, including co-location, dedicated server hosting, professional managed services, cloud computing and work space for its customers' staff to continue working when their own systems are down due to a catastrophe. "We will start in December 2012 with a cloud-based infrastructure as a service (IaaS), primarily for the financial services industry and government, and will change our customers based on usage, such the number of virtual and physical servers used," said Wan Shahrman, CRF chief executive officer Public transport guide Coming under the Improving Urban Public Transport, National Key Results Area (NKRA) of the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Communications, Content & Infrastructure (CCI) NKEA of the ETP, GPSTech will deploy the Malaysian Public Transportation System (MyPUTRAS), a free online smart portal and smartphone application, showing real-time tracking and location information of buses, taxi services, parking places and public communications facilities such as payphones and WiFi hot spots. It will begin at the end of December 2012 with a pilot project focused on bus services within the Klang Valley, including information on bus routes, travel times, the location of bus stops, bus frequency, fare information, and WiFi access on selected buses. Participating transport providers in the first phase roll-out include Syarikat Prasarana Negara Berhad (RapidKL & LRT, Monorail) and GO-KL, the recently launched free bus services by the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD).. "Later it will be extended to include other transport modes, the location of parking places and communications facilities and it will have nationwide coverage, including in Sabah and Sarawak within three years," said GPSTech executive director Ahmad Shah. Investment in MyPUTRAS is projected to be RM16.29 million and it was made possible by a public-private sector collaboration involving the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and SPAD, with technology support from MIMOS, Prasarana Negara, Malaysian Technical Standards Forum, REDtone, DiGi and U-Mobile. The other ETP projects come under the Oil, Gas and Energy; Greater Kuala Lumpur; Healthcare; Tourism; and Education. The Prime Minister also announced the liberalisation of six



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more sub-sectors – i.e. legal services, medical specialist services, dental specialist services, international schools, private universities and telecommunications - Network Facilities Providers (NFP) and Network Services Providers (NSP). Altogether, a total of 15 out of the 17 sub-sectors announced during the 2012 Budget are now liberalised, with the remaining two being engineering and architectural services, plus a new sub-sector – i.e. quantity surveying - will be announced once the amended legislation giving effect to the liberalisation is passed. In addition to liberalisation, the government places great importance on ensuring that local companies align to international standards to be able to compete in the global market. In line with this, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has introduced MeSTI, a food safety programme to facilitate compliance with food hygiene and safety requirements by the micro, small and medium-scale food industries. Narrowing Disparities
“Under the Narrowing Disparities Strategic Results Initiative (SRI), we created a programme called TERAS which is driven by TERAJU. The TERAS programme aims to develop market friendly, transparent, needs and merit based affirmative action to uplift Bumiputera SMEs by targeting high-potential Bumiputera companies to thrive in the next five to ten years.” the Prime Minister said in his speech.