

Govt optimistic hardcore poverty can be eliminated by 2025 [NSTTV]

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TAPAH: The government is optimistic about achieving its goal of eliminating hardcore poverty by 2025.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the target reflected the country's good track record in tackling poverty.

He said Malaysia could emulate China, which recently declared that it had no more hardcore poor people.

"China has the largest population in the world at 1.4 billion. Malaysia can do the same (eliminate hardcore poverty)," he said after opening the Keluarga Malaysia hardcore poverty-eradication programme and launching the 'Menyemai Keazaman, Menuai Kejayaan' book at Dewan Merdeka Tapah here, today.

Also present were Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA) chief executive Mohammad Haris Kader Sultan and state Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, National Integration and Civil Society Committee chairman Datuk Abdul Yunus Jamahri.

Mustapa said he believed that the 2025 target could be achieved with the cooperation of all parties.

He said the Keluarga Malaysia hardcore poverty-eradication programme was not new; similar ones had been implemented in the past 50 years.

"The previous programmes may be different in terms of coordination, focus and monitoring."

Earlier, Mustapa witnessed the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the NCIA and Koperasi Orang Asli Lata Kinjang Bhd. It is on a pilot project to eradicate poverty in the Orang Asli community in Lata Kijang here.



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