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**THE** slow pace of economic growth is driven by the recession in the United States, economic uncertainty in Europe and slow market demand in China.

The government's move to announce the Madani Economy roadmap will ensure economic sustainability, competitiveness, and the wellbeing of the people. The framework gives clarity on the target to be achieved in the next 10 years based on two main principles — restructuring the economy and quality of life for the people.

Several new strategies such as the National Energy Transition Roadmap, the New Industrial Master Plan 2030, the Hydrogen Technology and Economy Roadmap are important to support the implementation of the roadmap.

Apart from that, there is a need to introduce new incentives for investors, including strategic cooperation between foreign and local companies.

In this regard, investors in high-quality and high-tech investment categories are eligible for a 100 per cent corporate tax exemption incentive for up to 10 years.

This tax exemption period should be extended by up to 15 or 20 years, provided the foreign investor is prepared to offer equity of up to 30 per cent to a government-linked company or any local enterprise. This not only gives local companies the opportunity to make profits but also to be involved in the transfer of technology and global supply chains, especially in the high-tech sector.

In addition, the government can consider proposals to create special incentives in rural areas.

Anyone who invests in rural and undeveloped areas could be given a special incentive of 100 per cent corporate tax exemption for up to 10 years.

This incentive will encourage more new investment in underdeveloped areas and promote inclusive, fair and balanced development across districts and states.