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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The 12th Malaysia Plan mid-term review (12MP MTR), which outlines policies and initiatives to strengthen the country's development agenda and ensure the well-being of the people in achieving the objectives of the Madani Economy, was tabled at a special Dewan Negara sitting yesterday.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli tabled the 12MP MTR motion, which saw the unity government increasing the expenditure ceiling for the plan by RM15 billion. The motion will be debated by members of the Senate over a four-day sitting.

Rafizi said the 12MP MTR provides new priority and emphasis on policies, strategies and initiatives for socioeconomic development and steps to enhance the country's governance with three main focuses, namely strengthening

► Emphasis placed on policies, strategies and initiatives for socioeconomic development and governance, says Rafizi

sustainability, developing a prosperous society and moving towards a high-income nation.

He expressed hope that all the senators would give their cooperation, support and blessings for the government's efforts to plan and implement the national development agenda in line with the aspirations of Malaysia Madani, based on the framework of "Madani Economy: Empowering the People" tabled on July 27.

"I also call upon all Malaysians to work together to ensure the sustainable growth of the national economy and that the distribution

of the nation's wealth is transparent, fair, and just."

The motion on the 12MP MTR involving a total allocation of RM415 billion was passed with a majority voice vote in the Dewan Rakyat on Tuesday.

The 12MP tabled on Sept 27, 2021 with an initial allocation of RM400 billion is the complementary phase of the country's five-year development plan (2021-2025) towards achieving the status of a developed and inclusive nation, Bernama reported.

The mid-term review was carried out to assess the

achievements of the first two years (2021-2022) and the direction for 2023-2025 encompassing a review of targets, strategies, initiatives, development programmes, and projects to achieve the goal of inclusive and sustainable economic development.

The 12MP MTR focuses on two aspects, namely assessment and review, including achievements, gap analysis as well as improvement and direction proposals.

Earlier, Senate president Tan Sri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the debate on the 12MP MTR would also take place today while replies from the relevant ministries are slated for Sept 25 and 26.

He also welcomed newly appointed senators Susan Chemera Anding and Datuk Mustafa Musa, who took their oath of office on Aug 21, and Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz, who was sworn in on Tuesday.