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Malaysia's technical and vocational training (TVET) program is born out of a combination of ambition and necessity. The country has recorded impressive economic growth over several decades, bolstering ambitions that it should make the transition from middle- to high-income by transforming to a "knowledge (K)" economy. Vision 2020, announced by then Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, was to give substance to this plan. The need to make this transformation was driven home by a deceleration of this growth after the Asian Financial Crisis at the turn of the century followed by the Global Financial Crisis a decade later and has galvanized the country's leaders to action to bolster its human capital. TVET can play an important role in Malaysia's transformation to a knowledge economy.

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