

EMPOWERMENT

The Role of the Citizens

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Empowerment: What it Means

“My invitation for you to work with me empowers you. If opportunity and inclusion through empowerment is what you want, my message is simple: empower this Government to empower you.”

– Dato’ Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

The Meaning of Citizen Empowerment

A citizen is a person who is entitled to vote and owes loyalty to and is entitled by birth or naturalisation to the protection of the state. In other words, a citizen is a national of a country who has rights because of being born or given rights in it.

In the context of this writing, the term ‘citizen’ also applies to the corporate and institutional citizen – such as the company which carries out altruistic social responsibilities and the non-governmental organisation (NGO) that helps out the needy and disabled.

Empowerment occurs when we are given the freedom or accorded the official authority to do something worthwhile. Something that is empowering makes us more confident and makes us feel we are in control of our life.

Dato’ Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi talks about the importance of empowerment for citizens because he means what he says.