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Abdullah - secrets

OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN MALAYSIA'S SECRETS

KOTA BAHARU, April 4 (Bernama) -- Others including Islamic countries are interested in knowing the secrets behind Malaysia's success in various fields, said Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said many top officers from these countries came to Malaysia under the Technical Cooperation Programme to get first hand information on Malaysia's secrets to success.

"They consider the programmes carried out by Malaysia to help the Muslims are the best example which they could follow," he told reporters before participating in a current affairs forum, here last night.

Also participating in the forum to discuss Saudi Arabia's King Faisal International Award bestowed recently to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamad and Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa.

Abdullah said these countries wanted to know how Muslims in Malaysia could lead the country to success without encountering problems.

He said Muslims were able to enjoy better quality of life while Islam continued to flourish due to Malaysia's successful leadership.

"We have proven to others that Islam inspires the people towards success," he said.

Mustapa, meanwhile, said that one of the three major factors attributing to Malaysia's success was its policy of wanting to be friendly to all had gained the respect of the world community.

He said another factor was commitment to works without neglecting religious duties and finally Malaysia considered its success as the most effective tool in the propagation of Islam. -- BERNAMA

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