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GOVT, ENGINE OF COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY, SAYS ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14 (Bernama) -- The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has succeeded in playing its role as engine of the country's economic recovery and the efforts were beginning to pay off, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

He said that unlike the private sector, the government had the capacity to spur economic recovery.

"The government has the capability to undertake comprehensive approach through various regulations and legislations to ensure that economic recovery is properly managed and comprehensive," he told reporters after attending the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia's (ACCIM) dinner here.

Nevertheless, Abdullah said the government also recognised the important role played by the private sector in the economic recovery efforts as well as the strong support of the people.

All these had worked well with many economic analysts predicting the country's economic growth of higher than the one per cent projected for this year, he said.

He said the economic recovery programmes carried out by the government also received the backing of chambers of commerce and workers unions.

"The approach taken by Malaysia was never done by other countries and we have proven that it works," he said.

Also present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding and ACCCIM President Datuk Lim Guan Teik.

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