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Abdullah has right qualities to be next PM

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I REFER to the interview with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (June 14, NST) and am extremely pleased to note his strong character when he said "the most important thing is to be correct and fair when making tough decisions".

This statement speaks much about the man and that he is the ideal person to succeed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

From the interview I noted that he is a man who believes in truth (sathya) and righteous action (dharma).

These qualities are the cardinal principles for any worthy and able leader.

Abdullah has this conviction and we Malaysians should not doubt his ability in leading this nation when Dr Mahathir hands over the reins to him.

The question that he does not know much about the economic system is too trivial because he has wide experience and long years of tutelage under Dr Mahathir who has learned the subject so well that he lectures on the subject impromptu even to economists.