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ABDULLAH ORDERS DISTRICT OFFICERS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS EFFECTIVELY

BANGI, May 10 (Bernama) -- The Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has directed district officers to ensure fast and effective implementation of projects under the Eighth Malaysia Plan in particular so that benefits are delivered to the people without delay.

"If possible we even want projects to be ready ahead of schedule and avoid projects from being abandoned only to compound prevailing problems," he said when closing the 2001 national conference for district officers here today.

Altogether 158 district officers attended the three-day conference which was opened by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abdullah stressed that the success of the eighth plan covering the 2001-2005 period would partly depend on the efficiency and the capability of the public administration.

This required district officers to serve as catalysts for realising the plan's objectives by ensuring smooth and speedy administration, he said.

Abdullah directed district officers to resolve all district-level issues as far as possible and only refer them to the higher-ups when the problems were genuinely unsolvable at their end.

"We resent the passing-the-buck attitude," he said.

Abdullah said while the private sector would primarily serve as the engine of economic growth, civil administration at the district level has an equally vital supportive role in terms of project approval.

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