

# DPM: Keep drilling in importance of unity

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KUANTAN: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said there was a need to keep reminding the people the importance of unity and tolerance - which has kept the Barisan Nasional government strong all these years.

He said the message was still relevant even if it had been mentioned time and again since the era of the first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman to present premier Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I wish to state here that one

should not get bored with the message for it is not at all an outdated thing, it is ageless and is still relevant.

"We must remain united for the sake of peace and progress as well as for the future generations," Abdullah said in his speech at the opening of Pahang Barisan Nasional convention here yesterday.

The message would be a new one for the future generation and a cause to remind them how unity and power sharing was achieved and its meaning in a country consist-

ing of multi-racial people, he added.

The many success stories resulting from this formula should allay any worries they might have, said Abdullah.

He also said he hoped those who attended the convention would experience renewed hope and a sense of tolerance.

"There must be tolerance and moderation among us which is why Barisan makes decisions based on consensus from all of its 14 party components.