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KEMAS TRULY MOTIVATES REFORMS, SAYS ABDULLAH

BATU PAHAT, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- The Community Development Department (Kemas) is the real motivator for reforms as it has succeeded in bringing meaningful change and progress to rural dwellers, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"These are reforms which are truly meaningful, constructive and successful in bringing progress to the rakyat," he said, praising more than 1,000 Kemas officers and staff who attended the National Kemas Day, here tonight.

He said Kemas officers not only developed the community, they were also involved in ensuring the success of the rural education and health programmes as well as its economic development in line with the aspirations of the government and the objectives of Kemas itself.

As such, he said Kemas was still relevant as it had successfully implemented various projects creatively and innovatively which had brought positive results to the community.

Abdullah said Kemas must strive with greater determination by ensuring the success of new government programmes such as the "one village, one industry" programme initiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The function was also attended by Rural Development Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid and Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani.

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