

# ,Abdullah: It's not a regime change

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DEPUTY Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said his succession should not be viewed as a regime change in Malaysia.

"It is not a regime change . . . it is the same Government in power," he told Malaysians working in Brunei at a "Ramah Mesra" gathering at the Malaysian High Commission here yesterday.

Abdullah said many had wanted to know what he intended to do after

taking over from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who retires in October.

"I have no plans to announce anything until I take over. But I will continue with the good policies: These policies have taken Malaysia to great heights. I will continue to pursue all these successful policies.

"I will certainly want to do good policies. In some policies, situation and environment necessitate some adjustments, but the main thrust will remain," he said.

Abdullah also used the occasion to

explain Malaysia's foreign policies, including the nation's stand on the United States' attack on Iraq, the issue of Palestine and terrorism.

He also fielded questions from the floor such as on the abolition of approved permits for Malaysians working in Brunei and Singapore, and the issue of forward defence.

The new Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei, Tan Sri Jamil Johari, also addressed the gathering.

Later, the Association of Malaysians in Brunei presented RM10,000 to Abdullah towards the Iraqi Humanitarian Fund.

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