

Rise up to the challenge to prove gratitude to PM

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PENANG: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday urged Malaysians to prove their gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad by striving to propel the country to a higher plane guided by the "We Can Do It" spirit.

The deputy prime minister said Mahathir was a dynamic and visionary leader and his most valuable contribution was creating an awareness among the people that they can develop this country further and must have the confidence to do it.

"As a mark of appreciation and our sincere thanks to Dr Mahathir, we need to prove that the confidence imbued by him had spurred us to develop the country further and ensure lasting security and stability," he said when opening a consumerism seminar here.

He said the "We Can Do It" spirit inculcated by Mahathir had clearly made Malaysians determined to further develop this country compared to 30 years ago.

"Before, our development was lim-

ited because there were not many educated people to work to develop the country but now there are many educated people and various infrastructure facilities have been provided by the government for the country's development," he said.

Abdullah said Vision 2020 unveiled by Mahathir would continue to be the country's vision and the people should endeavour to continue with the policies and the government's plans to transform Malaysia into a developed country by 2020.