

# Serve with integrity, govt servants told

PUTRAJAYA: Government servants have been reminded not to abuse their power and positions to enrich themselves and their families.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said they must also get rid of the "take things easy" mentality and strive for greater integrity, efficiency and professionalism.

"It is our duty to provide the best quality service to our customers – the ordinary taxpayers. The public should not feel trepidation when dealing with the civil service," he said at the Administrative and Diplomatic Service association annual dinner at Putrajaya Marriot Hotel last night.

Civil servants, he said, must not rest on their laurels but should instead try to infuse their work ethics with values that were essential to enable the country to ascend to greater heights.

Also feted at the dinner were former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ah.

Abdullah also paid tribute to Dr Mahathir for his long service to the country, especially for putting Malaysia on the world map.

"Under Dr Mahathir's leadership, Malaysia has seen enormous physical growth. However, his greater success was in putting a high value on the name "Malaysia". That is an acknowledgement of our political and economic stability, the unity of the people."