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DON'T ABUSE POWER TO ACCUMULATE PERSONAL WEALTH, SAYS ABDULLAH

PUTRAJAYA, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tonight sent a strong and stern message to all civil servants, warning them not to abuse power to accumulate personal wealth.

"We must remember our sworn duty and responsibility to develop the nation and not use the power entrusted upon us for personal gains, or even worse, to pave way for personal wealth accumulation," he said.

The Prime Minister said this at the Administrative and Diplomatic Service Association's annual dinner, which was also held to honour former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Abdullah said it was the duty of civil servants to provide the best service to customers, including the ordinary taxpayers and corporations which stimulated the economy.

He urged civil servants to go the extra mile when executing their responsibilities so that the public did not feel trepidation when dealing with the civil service.

"We must always be people-friendly. We must be sincere in hearing, scrutinizing, solving problems, receiving applications, suggestions and whatever tasks which fall under our responsibility," he said.

He also pledged that Malaysia would remain a nation that is conducive to private enterprises as has always been, and would continue in the future to be the engine of the country's economic growth.

"But without a first class public delivery system, the wheels of the machine will grind to a halt. Private sector can only thrive if the public sector plays its role," he added.

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