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PROVE YOUR GRATITUDE TO DR MAHATHIR - M'SIAN'S TOLD

PENANG, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today 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 Dr 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 for penghulus and penggawas, here.

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

"Before our development is limited because there are 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 the Vision 2020 unveiled by Dr 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.

He also urged penghulus and penggawas to step their roles as the government's "eyes, ears and mouths" to ensure policies that are being planned by the government can be implemented at the grassroots' level.

He said penghulus are grassroots leaders and their position was important to the government because they are the implementors of government policies.

"Therefore, the appointment of penghulus and penggawas as law enforcers under the Consumer Affairs Act was an honour and recognition by the government for them," he said.

At the function, Abdullah presented authority cards to more than 300 penghulus and penggawas as laws unforcers under the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry.

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