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M'SIA MUST CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES, SAYS ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said tonight Malaysia must continue to learn, adapt and search for new opportunities and new sources of growth to stay relevant and competitive in the world economy.

He said it is crucial for the country to build on the existing science base and to allocate resources for the development of strategic and emerging sector, such as information and communications technology (ICT), biotechnology, aerospace and photonics.

Malaysia must have the foresight dedication and discipline to carve out a niche in new emerging sectors to progress and modernise the economy further, he said at the 10th anniversary dinner of the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) and a special briefing to the patron here.

Abdullah, who succeeds former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the patron of MIGHT, said established sectors such as agricultural and food, telecommunication and automotive should not be left behind.

"In this regards, I commended the initiatives undertaken by MIGHT and its members in mapping out the development of this strategic and emerging sectors," he said.

MIGHT is a smart partnership between the government and private sector working in synergy, prospecting primarily for business and investment opportunities for industry, policy options for the government and research priorities for public and the private sector institutions.

It also serves to mobilise and manage joint or collective technology efforts which are beyond the resources of individual organisations.

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