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## Strive harder, PM tells civil servants

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PUTRAJAYA, Sat. - Civil servants in Putrajaya must strive to enhance their services and productivity to fulfil their role and position as employees of the Federal administrative capital, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

The Prime Minister said civil servants in the various ministries, departments and agencies must adopt and display good work culture and ethics in line with the first-class infrastructure provided by the Government.

"We in Putrajaya work and live in a very comfortable environment, unlike civil servants of the past who had to work in rented buildings that were cramped.

"You and I have moved here either to work or live. Let's ensure the environment has an influence on our work attitude," he said, stressing the need for civil servants, particularly those serving here, to be par excellence.

Abdullah was speaking at the launch of Putrajaya's Third Federal Territory Day celebration themed "Putrajaya: Malaysia's Leading Water Recreation Destination" at the Lake Club here.

The Prime Minister reminded the residents here, the majority of whom are civil servants, that they must also possess a high level of civic consciousness to ensure that the administrative capital remained clean and safe.

He said Putrajaya had gained fame as one of the most comprehensively-planned and developed administrative capitals in the world.

"This is a result of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's vision.

"Putrajaya is a futuristic garden city that was built according to specific features, structures and development-style, which gives it an edge over other towns.

"It is also one of the favourite tourist destinations now, thus it is our responsibility to keep Putrajaya attractive and beautiful," Abdullah said.

He said residents here should care for the beauty of the environment as Putrajaya was planned to include all the greens and lakes.

Putrajaya Corporation president Tan Sri Aziz Anwar said the remaining core development projects were expected to be completed over the next six months.

Aziz Anwar said that by year-end, all the ministries and government departments which have been scheduled to move their operations here from Kuala Lumpur, would be able to occupy their respective buildings in Putrajaya.

"It will be mission accomplished and a vision fulfilled," he said, adding that the main objective of Putrajaya as the Federal administrative capital was for the entire administrative arm to operate from here.

Putrajaya Corporation, which is the local authority here, organised a host of activities in conjunction with the celebrations today.

Apart from water sports, the crowd gathered along the banks of the lake was thrilled by the Fire and Rescue Department's Air Wing's search and rescue demonstrations.

Also present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tengku Adnan Mansor and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman.

