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`Malaysians abroad support our policies'

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Malaysians abroad are supportive of government policies initiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi since he took over last October.

This was the impression the Prime Minister got from Malaysians, including students, in the United States, France and the United Kingdom.

The questions posed during the dialogue and informal meetings showed that "they are supportive of all plans started by the Government. They did not criticise or made unjust remarks like in the past", he said after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre here tonight.

He said he told his audience that the Government would honour all election promises as outlined in the manifesto.

He was on a nine-day official visit to these countries, his first since taking over the leadership from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abdullah, who has won the Umno presidency unopposed, briefed the council on his visit.

He said during the meetings, he also advised Malaysians to upkeep the good name of the country.

Abdullah said he also encouraged Malaysians with expertise and experience in research and development to return home.

"We value the human resources needed to develop the country. We need their services as Malaysia faces new challenges in a globalised environment."

He also called on local universities and the private sector to upgrade their R&D to woo Malaysians working overseas to return home.

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