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Civil servants pledge support

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Administrative and Diplomatic Service Association today congratulated Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on his appointment as the fifth Prime Minister.

Its president, Datuk Seri Aseh Che Mat, said the association, comprising senior government officers, pledged its full support for the leadership of Abdullah in national development, and social and economic stability.

"We feel proud because for the first time in Malaysia's history and after 46 years of attaining independence, the Prime Minister's post is being held by a former administrative and diplomatic service officer," he said.

The association also extended its heartfelt thanks to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his leadership and support during his tenure.