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DPM: Dr M has given all of us confidence

Zubaidah Abu Bakar; Chow Kum Hor; Sajahan Waheed; Aniza Damis; Ahmad KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today paid tribute to Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for instilling confidence in Malaysians to achieve just about anything.

Abdullah, who is the Deputy Prime Minister, said Dr Mahathir had given the confidence to Malaysians that everything was within their reach provided they were committed towards achieving the goal.

"The "Malaysia Boleh" spirit was formulated by Dr Mahathir. We can achieve success in any field provided we give our full commitment and dedication," said Abdullah in his speech at the BN's 50th anniversary celebrations at Stadium Merdeka.

Abdullah, who is also BN deputy chairman, said the development and success enjoyed by the country at present was a result of the coalition's power-sharing formula.

He said there was a need to ensure that BN's power-sharing formula, involving parties representing the different communities, was maintained.

"The success that we are enjoying together is because of BN's power-sharing formula. All the races in our country are united and work together to ensure continued development and stability. It is the responsibility of all quarters to ensure that the progress enjoyed at present is continued."

Abdullah, who is also Umno deputy president, said the BN government had achieved tremendous success since the country gained independence in 1957.

"We in BN have ensured that all races enjoy the fruits of development and no community is left out or sidelined. Everyone has their role to play in contributing to the country's growth."

Abdullah also said he would continue with the BN's power-sharing formula.

"It is our responsibility to ensure that BN enjoys continued success in the future. Let us work together to achieve that goal."