

# Give Abdullah's leadership a fair chance, say grassroots

KUALALUMPUR: Umno members at the grassroots level want the leadership of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to be given a fair chance.

Party Information chief Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said this was to ensure that Abdullah, as Prime Minister and Umno president, could carry out all his development plans to achieve developed nation status by 2020 without a hitch.

He said the grassroots did not want any derailment of development due to time-wasting issues.

"Generally, the opinion at the grassroots level is that Pak Lah's leadership should be given a chance to carry out the projects outlined under the Ninth Malaysia Plan, including those on agriculture and regional development.

"This is a very exciting time' for us to develop the country," he said after attending Kolej Risda's Fifth Convocation here yesterday. Muhammad is also Risda chairman.

He said that two-thirds of all Umno divisions had held meetings and nearly all of them had voiced support for the leader-

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ship of Abdullah.

"It looks as if the grassroots do not want the current leadership to be disturbed. We want to ensure the 9MP and 10MP are successful," he said.

On Kolej Risda, Muhammad said, the college had revised its co-curriculum to suit market demands.

The convocation, which was opened by Rural and Regional Development Deputy Minister Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman, saw 393 graduates obtain their certificates and diplomas. — Bernama