

# Samsudin served nation well, says Abdullah

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi praised retiring Tan Sri Samsudin Osman for having served as Chief Secretary to the Government excellently despite facing tremendous challenges.

"He had provided excellent recommendations on issues related to government officers and has provided advice when the Cabinet needed it," he said when speaking at a farewell dinner for Samsudin here last night.

Abdullah said the layman might not know it but at times ministers and their secretaries-general had differences of opinion.

"The Chief Secretary to the Government has to find a way of resolving the problem fairly."

Samsudin, in his speech, said the majority of civil servants were honest and committed and had worked to make the country what it was.

Reminiscing on his days in the service, Samsudin said he had sweet, bitter and even funny memories.

"Even though I felt the pressure and stress, especially on Wednesdays (when the Cabinet meetings are held), I will not forget my experiences for one moment," he said.