

Work for Vision 2020, PM tells BN component parties

KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional component parties, while working hard for the interest of the ethnic groups they represent, must move in a common direction to realise the Vision 2020 agenda.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said this was important in preserving the mutual understanding and co-operation among all parties in the coalition's time-tested spirit of power-sharing.

"There are more challenges out there that we have to face. We must maintain this solidarity to weather these challenges.

"We are forced to take up these challenges and that is

why we have to fortify the amicable relationship among all component parties," he said when opening the 60th MIC general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

He added that this was important because the country's bigger agenda now was to achieve the objectives of Vision 2020 and to develop the country's human capital in the face of global challenges.

Abdullah, who is Barisan chairman and Umno president, said all leaders in the coalition must strive to strengthen their respective parties to ensure that the people, irrespective of

their race and religion, would reap the full benefits of the Government's programmes.

Speaking to reporters later, he reiterated that the Barisan component parties must come together to achieve the National Agenda.

"The Barisan works on the basis of consensus and that is why it has been successful in carrying out national policies.

"It holds true to our agreement to work together for the benefit of the people and the country. We have been able to give and take in many issues and more work has to be done to strengthen this bond," he said.



ALL EARS: Delegates listening to Abdullah's speech at the opening of the 60th MIC general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.