

Abdullah: Give local products a chance

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PUTRAJAYA: Give local inventors and their products a chance.

This is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's message to Malaysians with a penchant for imports.

Abdullah said Malaysians were generally sceptical when it came to locally made products, but embraced imports without question.

"We are forgiving when the imported goods are defective but less so when it comes to locally made items," he said yesterday after launching an oxy-hydrogen mobile incinerator invented by Iris Corporation Bhd.

"Let's change our attitude and recognise the ability of our inventors and their products.

"If the goods have defects, give them feedback. Then, maybe, they will come up with better

products."

Present at the function near here were Iris Corporation chairman Tan Sri Razali Ismail and managing director Datuk Tan Say Jim.

The incinerator is equipped to deal with toxin-free burning of solid and liquid domestic wastes.

Abdullah said he was told that a Thai company, PJT Technology Co Ltd, would market the machine in Thailand.

"Thailand is the first to buy the

incinerator although it is made here. See... this is our attitude."

"We must change this attitude. If we want to encourage science and technology as well as research and development, this negative attitude towards our own products must go.

"If we are not prepared to buy our products, then local companies will not be able to expand."

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