

Fill up vacancies immediately, PSD told

NSP - 8/6/2006

PUTRAJAYA: The Public Service Department and the Public Service Commission have been ordered to take immediate steps to fill up the thousands of vacancies in the government service.

The order came from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who wanted the vacancies in both the management and support categories to be filled up as soon as possible.

"There are so many vacancies, in the thousands, and the number of unemployed graduates is also high. Both PSD and PSC must take immediate action to ensure that the vacant posts are filled up. This

will indirectly help in ensuring the success of projects under the Ninth Malaysia Plan," he said.

Abdullah said with more trained civil servants around, constant monitoring and supervision could be carried out on projects that were being implemented.

Both PSD and PSC have been told to discuss the matter with the relevant ministries or agencies. "With these appointments, the graduates can at least help share the increasing workload faced by civil servants," he said.

In a circular posted on its website, PSD stated that there were 246,676 vacancies in the civil ser-

vice as of June 30, 2005.

On the progress of the Ninth Malaysia Plan projects, the Prime Minister said emphasis was being given to projects in new development corridors in the north, east coast, Sabah as well as Johor.

The National Implementation Task Force had its meeting yesterday, chaired by Abdullah.

He also said that the State Governments would be involved in most of the projects in the corridors. "These projects will increase participation from the private sector. We will see the size of investment by these private companies expanding."

The Prime Minister also said the Implementation and Co-ordinating Unit (ICU) under the Prime Minister's Department had been directed to submit a detailed social and economic assessment report on the projects.

"The report must contain the social and economic impact brought about by the projects. We want to know its efficiency and the benefits it has for the people. We do not want a report stating that this project has been carried out or how much money has been spent.

"We must know if the projects really benefit the rakyat."