

PM briefs senior civil servants on 9M

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PUTRAJAYA: With two days to go before he unveils the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP), Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday spent several hours briefing some 180 senior civil servants on the plan and its implementation.

The briefing, held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre near here, was attended by secretaries-general, state secretaries, directors-general, heads of department, leaders of statutory bodies and university vice-chancellors.

Speaking to reporters after the briefing, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman said the Prime Minister wanted the fast and successful implementation of all projects, and for the civil service to "work with him" on the 9MP.

"He said all the good work put into the plan and the report would be meaningless if the projects are not carried out on time or are not successful."

Civil servants were reminded that the success of the 9MP would steer Malaysia towards achieving its 2020 vision.

On the appointment of a Harvard University team to strengthen the public delivery system, Samsudin said the three-member team of senior academicians would submit their proposals to the Government next week.

One of the proposals was for the team to conduct specific courses for civil servants.