

Abdullah: Look forward to forging Bangsa Malaysia

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KOTA BARU: Malaysia has undergone through 50 years of evolution and this has enabled her citizens to reflect back on the rapid changes over the years and to look forward to forging a *Bangsa Malaysia*, the Prime Minister said.

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the country is blessed that it was seeing an evolution,

rather than a revolution.

Abdullah said the changes had gifted Malaysians with higher capabilities but, he reminded, any project carried out must be done so with sincerity.

"We (Government administrators) must have a sense of mission. Know our national agenda. Do not just administer. We want our devel-

opment to be accompanied by added value, higher quality and excellent results.

"Do not be content with mediocre achievements," he said at a dinner with civil servants here last night.

He said in "Vision 2020", the nation must not just see material gains but also strong morals and spiritual enlightenment.

Abdullah also reminded them that the country was now moving up the value chain had to out-duel its competitors or, at the very least, be on par with them.

"We have to have a first-class mentality to bring first-class returns.

"If we have to work hard, so be it. There is no alternative. We must strive.

"The knowledge-based economy is about a first-class mentality," Abdullah reiterated.

The Prime Minister said projects that were being carried out would take years to yield their best results.

He said he will monitor the progress of all projects and stand all the way behind them until they achieve the desired targets.