

'Poor public delivery system' view upsets PM

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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is dismayed that while his policies have been described as "first class", their implementation still leaves much to be desired because of the poor public

delivery system.

In his New Year message at the Prime Minister's Department monthly gathering here yesterday, Abdullah said the civil service must be able to prove that the public delivery system was working.

Referring to the recent seminar on his three years in office, Abdullah said

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he was unhappy that while his policies were described as good, there was also the view that they were let down by poor implementation.

"If that is the conclusion, then those of us at the top are also involved because we are part of the implementation process," he said.

The prime minister said civil ser-

vants must strive harder to prove that the service was not weak, nor poor in serving the people.

"If everything seems to be all right and yet on the ground there is not enough effort to implement the policies, then the perception is that there might be corruption involved," he added.