

# How to improve civil service

## Proposal for commission to study weaknesses

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**PETALING JAYA:** A commission of inquiry, similar to that for the police force, should be set up to help improve the civil service and overcome its weaknesses, Centre for Public Policy Study chairman Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam said.

"Instead of having allegations and counter allegations, an inquiry constituted along the lines of the royal police commission, should be set up," he said.

He added that such a commission did not need a big budget and could comprise local experts such as former civil servants, academics and corporate figures.

Navaratnam, who is also Transparency International (Malaysia) president, was commenting on a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who had expressed disappointment that while his policies were commended, some viewed that the public sector was not doing its job.

He said the recent seminar on Abdullah's three years in office came out with the wrong conclusions, saying it was more theoret-

ical than pragmatic.

"The findings do not constitute a holistic understanding of the problems faced by the public service, and is misleading," he said.

He said it was unfair to blame the civil service alone for the poor public delivery system because it was caused by multiple factors, including corruption and 'bad' political leaders.