

# Liven up FT, urges Abdullah

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The prime minister yesterday asked the people living in the three Federal Territories to give their heart and soul to enliven their living space with friendly, cheerful and courteous activities.

This will make Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan destinations well-liked by tourists and visitors, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

"The people are an important factor in livening up the

Federal Territories. Without active, dynamic and capable people, even a charming city will be weak and despised by visitors," he said.

"Facilities like shops, restaurants and entertainment centres must be clean and our workers must be efficient in carrying out their job, courteous and helpful to those in need."

Abdullah said this when launching the Federal Territory Day celebration at Merdeka Square here yesterday.

Earlier, he witnessed a parade by 101 contingents comprising more than 7,000 participants from schools, universities, residents associations, government

agencies, non-governmental organisations and the private sector.

Abdullah also urged all premise owners to ensure their buildings, including old ones, are beautiful and attractive and the housing areas and villages clean and well-maintained.

In response, Federal Territory Minister Datuk Zulhasnan Rafique told reporters cleanliness is top priority in developing the three territories.

"The Federal Territories are gateways for both locals and tourists, as well as outsiders. So, we must ensure cleanliness is enhanced here," he said.

For example, clean toilets should be synonymous with city living, he said.

Stressing that the cleanliness level in the three territories had improved over the years, Zulhasnan said the authorities should increase their enforcement activities, if necessary.