

Major changes to public service delivery next month

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will announce improvements to the public service delivery next month, cutting red tape in local government authorities in a move to improve the overall investment climate.

"On April 13, I will be making a major announcement on public service delivery improvements as they relate to local government authori-

ties," the Prime Minister said in his keynote address at the Invest Malaysia 2007 conference here yesterday.

Abdullah said investment and growth would also become increasingly contingent on the availability of high-quality human capital.

Towards this end, he said the Government had launched the education blueprint, aimed at raising intellectual capacity, creativity and

the values of young people.

He said the Government would also ensure that stronger industry-academia links were forged at tertiary level and that graduates were equipped with the necessary skills.

"Work to enhance research and development and innovation in the country will be intensified."

He added that in implementing

policies, the Government would be guided by the five thrusts of the national mission and be driven by the goal of achieving Vision 2020.

"This requires an informed perspective of the country's past and an appreciation of its aspirations for the future," he said.

"We will continue to work hard to deliver our promises to the people," he added.