

# Harmony attracts investment

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Cooperation between employers and workers unions in maintaining a harmonious industrial environment can boost stability and economic growth, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

The prime minister said this could attract more investments to Malaysia.

"The country's aspiration to become a developed nation needs the commitment of every level of society, including the workers, to

## PM: Workers and bosses must work together

constantly work hard and equip themselves with the characteristics and attitude of a society with first-class mentality," he said in his Workers Day message.

Abdullah said that in this challenging era of globalisation, Malaysia needed a productive, knowledgeable, capable and more competitive workforce to ensure that it achieved

progress.

"The government has chosen the theme, 'Productive Workers, Competitive Nation' for this year's Workers Day celebration because it is in keeping with the important role of every worker to work with the Government in efforts to develop the country," Abdullah said.

He hoped that every worker and

employer would observe this year's theme because it could be the premise for work to be done diligently to optimise productivity.

Cuepacs president Omar Osman said workers' biggest hope was for the Government to announce that there would be a pay review after 15 years.

He said that if the Government

agreed to the proposal to pay between 5% and 40% more, it would inject a new spirit among the workers.

MTUC president Syed Shahir Syed Mohamud said the standard of living of workers in the country left much to be desired.

He said the Government should take necessary measures to improve the quality and standard of living of workers in view of the emphasis on achieving developed nation status by 2020.