

Be 'wired' on same wavelength: PM

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PUTRAJAYA: The prime minister has called on the public and private sectors and the citizenry to be on the same wavelength in instilling integrity.

Emphasising that integrity is a national agenda, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the National Integrity Plan guidelines and policies must be adopted by everyone for the plan to be effective, and that includes state governments, corporations and individuals.

He said everyone must have the same understanding, views and actions when it comes to this agenda.

"We want to see the effectiveness of our national integrity plans felt by all the people," he said after chairing a three-hour special cabinet committee meeting on integrity and good governance.

Abdullah also launched two books published by the Malaysian Institute of Integrity, titled *Corporate Social Responsibility: Our First Look* and *National Integrity System: A Guiding Framework*.

Abdullah, who has championed

integrity in all dealings since he became prime minister more than three years ago, said all stakeholders have to walk the talk.

"Whatever guidelines we have issued on integrity must be used by all. We have reasons to draft such guidelines and once everyone follows, then we have a government and private sector moving in unison to attain greater integrity," he said.

"We also need to prove that what we say about integrity is followed up with actions ... only then can we really say that we have a government with integrity."

The book on *Corporate Social Responsibility* was a guideline for the corporate world, explaining what the government expected from the private sector in terms of integrity.

"These books must be read, understood and implemented for the good of the nation," he said.