

# PM: A clean Malaysia will draw foreign investors

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysians must keep the country clean to make sure it remained attractive to foreign tourists, said Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The prime minister said an impressed tourist, who might also be a businessman, could invest in Malaysia.

"I want all Malaysians to make sure our country is clean and attractive. To ensure the success of promoting our country, we must work hard together."

"This is not just the job for Tourism Ministry but for all of us," he said when launching Visit Malaysia Year (VMY) 2007 at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa last night.

In a spectacular opening ceremony, which included a display of fireworks watched by thousands, Abdullah said Malaysians should inform their colleagues and friends of the serenity, food, beaches and smiles that would greet visitors.

"The year is special as it marks the golden jubilee of our nation and we intend to celebrate this momentous milestone in style."

"Through VMY 2007, we are not only inviting the world to come and enjoy the country's beauty but also feel the significance of our golden jubilee celebration."

He said VMY 2007, the country's biggest tourism event, would bring the best of Malaysia to millions of visitors.

He said that Malaysia had experienced rapid growth but had preserved its rich flora and fauna as

well as its unique customs and culture.

"Tourists who visit Malaysia can enjoy being in a modern and developing country, filled with traditions and well-kept environment."

Malaysia, famous for its warmth

towards visitors, would be known to millions more tourists when Malaysians adopted a positive attitude as their identity, he added.

To make sure of tourists' comfort, he said other aspects such as accommodation, transportation

and safety should be given importance.

He called on Malaysians to give their best to tourists as this would make sure they returned.

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