

Embrace the spirit of giving, says Abdullah

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysians should embrace a charitable mindset and lend a helping hand to the poor at all times, not just during festive seasons, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday.

This spirit of giving would contribute immensely to the well-being of society, he added.

He commended the people for their readiness to help those in need as reflected in cases of disasters or accidents.

Abdullah said this when he received 200 heads of cattle donated by DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd, which would be distributed to rural areas in conjunction with Hari Raya Korban. He believed the spirit of Korban was shared by non-Muslims in the country.

"That is why when you hear of

accidents, disasters or someone in dire need of help, there are always people coming forward to assist, and they are mostly Malaysians."

He said Muslims were encouraged to perform the Korban as this ritual would instil in them compassion for the less fortunate.

"This is the time when Muslims are encouraged to sacrifice cattle for the needy. However, there are other ways of helping the poor like giving alms or your time or energy

to make their lives better."

Present were DiGi Communications chairman Arve Johansen and DiGi Communications strategy and corporate affairs director Tunku Alizakri Raja Muhammad Alias.

Abdullah said it was the social responsibility of corporate bodies to assist the less fortunate.

"I appreciate this contribution and the company's Korban for Hari Raya Aidiladha."