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Look East policy to continue

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia will continue sending students under the Look East policy, which was adopted 25 years ago and has been a cornerstone in the relationship between the two countries.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his Japanese counterpart,

Shinzo Abe, reaffirmed that the policy has created strong ties between the peoples of Malaysia and Japan.

“Such ties constitute an important basis of Malaysia-Japan relations,” they said in a joint statement issued in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Malaysia-Japan

diplomatic relations, themed “Everlasting Friendship and Far-reaching Partnership: Towards a Common Future”.

Abe said Japan would continue extending support, assistance and co-operation to Malaysia under the policy’s human resource development programme.