

# PM to present progress report for 2004-2007

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday he would present a progress report on the government's performance from 2004 to 2007.

"Members of parliament and administrators have given me their reports and, as the prime minister, I am responsible for presenting the progress report to the people."

He said this to loud applause from 3,000 leaders and members of the Malaysian Malay Chamber of Commerce at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

Also present were Second Finance Minister, Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk



Seri Aziz Shamsuddin and the chamber's president Syed Ali Mohamed Al-Atas.

Abdullah said difficulties and challenges were actually opportunities to spur one to do better, a philosophy he had always upheld in discharging his responsibilities.

There were no challenges or

problems that could not be overcome, the prime minister added.

"If we are capable physically and mentally, there is nothing that can stop us.

"Whatever opportunities available must be taken."

As a show of support, chamber leaders pledged to work closely with the government to improve the lot of aspiring Malay businessmen.

Abdullah said the number of Bumiputera entrepreneurs had to be increased and the government was committed to assisting them.

"You are the people who provide job opportunities and you have contributed significantly towards the country's economy.

"There is no need for you to ask. It becomes my responsibility to continue with efforts to add value to the achievements we have in-

herited from our past leaders. I will do it."

He stressed that his foremost priority was to develop quality human capital for the nation's progress.

Abdullah, who is also Barisan Nasional chairman, earlier said there was still a lot more to be done by him and his deputy, Datuk Seri Najib Razak, before they could finalise the list of BN candidates for the general election.

"We discussed the lists of who will contest in the state and parliamentary seats, as submitted by the (BN) state liaison leaders, up till 1am (on Wednesday)."

He said much discussion had also taken place with BN component parties.

"But still, we have not finalised everything. A lot more needs to be considered."