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# PM: Work as a team

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## Political secretaries urged to adopt people-friendly ways

**PUTRAJAYA:** Political secretaries of ministers should steer clear of activities that could lead to a split or quarrel among party members, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

The Prime Minister said he wanted political secretaries to work as a team and be people-friendly especially with the scrapping of the parliamentary secretary post.

"Since there are no parliamentary secretaries, all you political secretaries will have to do a lot of work," he said at the swearing-in of 27 political secretaries to ministers here yesterday.

Among those sworn in are political secretaries to the prime minis-

ter Datuk Md Alwi Che Ahmad (Kok Lanang assemblyman) and Datuk Vincent Lim Kian Tick, political secretary to the finance minister Datuk Reezal Merican Naina Merican; political secretary to deputy prime minister Datuk Mohamad Fatmi Che Salleh; political secretaries to defence minister Datuk Mohd Shafei Abdullah and Benedict Lasimbang, and political secretary to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Bernard Dompok.

Also sworn in were political secretaries: Dr Shahrudin Md Salleh (International Trade and Industry Minister), Datuk Mohamed Ismail Othman (Minister in the Prime Mi-

nister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz), Zainuddin Ismail (Foreign Minister), Hasbie Satar (Second Finance Minister), Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew (Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister), and Mohammad Khairi A. Malik (Higher Education Minister).

The others are Dr Azmi Setapa (Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister), Dr Richard Rapu (Natural Resources and Environment Minister), Julita Mojungki (Science, Technology and Innovation Minister), Wong Jee Yai (Transport Minister), Wong Ban Seng (Women, Family and Community Development Minister), Moham-

mad Safie Asnawi (Entrepreneur and Community Development Minister), Dr Zainul Fithri Datuk Osman Abdullah (Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi), Datuk Mohamed Idris Abu Bakar (Works Minister), Yoo Wei How (Health Minister), Dr Junaidy Abdul Wahab (Information Minister), Datuk Yahaya Bujan (Rural and Regional Development Minister), Ong Boon See (Housing and Local Government Minister), Mohd Emil Azril Bahari Md Noor (Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Zaid Ibrahim) and Mohd Azizan Che Omar (Youth and Sports Minister). — Bernama