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Facilitating ease of doing business in Malaysia

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WHEN Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, proposed the setting up of a high-powered committee to examine ways to enhance the public service delivery system, the nay-sayers were aplenty – and loud.

One could not blame them as the public have for far too long been on the receiving end of bureaucratic red tape and inefficient government front-liners.

With apathetic civil servants and regulations that did not make sense, there was the general consensus that this was just another public relations exercise in futility.

However since Feb 7 last year, when the prime minister announced the setting up of Pemudah, the Special Task Force to Facilitate Business, the masses have got to see for themselves that things were different this time around.

As its longer title suggests, Pemudah's primary aim is to make it easier to do business in this country but the inevitable spin-off is improved counter services and the trimming down of waiting time.

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