

Dr M, Azizan praised for realising Putrajaya

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PUTRAJAYA, Tues. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today paid tribute to his predecessor, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and the late Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin for being the people behind the concept and development of Putrajaya city.

He said from the two men's vision — Dr Mahathir who mooted the idea of an administrative capital, and Azizan who was chairman of Putrajaya Corporation — Putrajaya had blossomed into an international landmark.

Abdullah told of how much

Dr Mahathir loved watching the bustling activity.

"Dr Mahathir himself said he was addicted to watching Putrajaya and its development. He used to watch through the big windows in the Prime Minister's Department from the fifth floor where his office was or from the fourth floor where the Cabinet meeting room is.

"He would point out all the buildings and tell Cabinet ministers which building was meant for which ministry," Abdullah said when launching Menara PjH today, the corporate office of Putrajaya Holdings.