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PM says changes have to be made on projects

SEREMBAN: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has affirmed that he is committed to his predecessor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Vision 2020.

The Prime Minister said he had no intention of changing the vision although some adjustments needed to be made on projects due to various situations in the country.

Abdullah said that when he won a huge mandate from voters in the last election, he was warned that the downside of a huge mandate was that the people's demand on him would also be huge.

"I was told you are going to have a problem with that. Sure enough the demand is a lot people say you promise this and that," he told government administrators, state exco members and assemblymen here yesterday.

Abdullah said that his election manifesto was based on the Government's focus to-

wards achieving Vision 2020.

Abdullah said he inherited the administration from Dr Mahathir and therefore he would continue with the long-term vision.

"But sometimes we need to divert in our journey, we must do this and that, and maybe there are some things we cannot do," he said.

Abdullah said he had been asked why he did not come up with his own vision since he was now the leader.

"Why should I have another vision when the vision I said I support is Vision 2020. We are midway towards achieving it. Why should I do something new just because this is my era?" he said.

He said the Government was not short of ideas for programmes and projects and had enough allocation for the 9th Malaysia Plan, which would be increased when necessary.