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'Take Dr M's remarks as positive criticism'

KUALA LUMPUR: The people should accept former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's remarks on his successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, as positive criticism, Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said yesterday.

He said the criticism was meant to test the premier in the processes of the nation's leadership development, in line with the transition to a developed and highly-regarded nation.

"The leadership of every nation underwent trials and the prime minister took responsibility on the trials," he told reporters after a briefing on the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP) for about 500 officers of the agencies under the ministry.

He said the agencies would carry out an information campaign on Mahathir's criticism to avoid any confusion and prevent the Opposition from taking advantage of the situation. - Bernama