

Inspired to serve

People's support a signal to carry out plans, says Pak Lah

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KOTA BARU: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the strong support expressed by the people towards him was a motivation for him to continue carrying out each planned agenda to develop the country.

The Prime Minister said such backing, as expressed by the Kelantan people towards him yesterday was a signal of solid support towards him as party leader and each decision taken to develop the country.

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"I've been in politics for a long time, more than 30 years. Never have I seen a welcome this wonderful. I see it as a signal that the people are ready to work with me to bring changes to the country," said an elated Abdullah, who is on a two-day visit to Kelantan, in a brief speech on arrival at the Sultan

Ismail Petra Airport here.

"I am touched. I am ready to serve you. Let us work together. Islam advocates a sense of brotherhood and working together for the common good," he said to a rapturous crowd.

About 7,000 people, many holding placards and banners bearing the words *Hidup Pak Lah* gave a rousing welcome to

Abdullah at the airport.

Later, about 10,000 people holding similar placards attended the opening of the RM30.5mil Dabong Bridge in Kuala Krai by Abdullah.

The prime minister said the people's strong support would be put to use to implement all the plans that had been made.

The visit to Kelantan, he said, also gave him an opportunity to

explain to the people the Federal Government's plan to develop the state.

He said he would visit Kelantan more often to keep tabs on the implementation of development projects for the state under the 9th Malaysia Plan.

"I want to find out the progress of the projects," he said.

Even though Kelantan was

not governed by the Barisan Nasional, it received a big allocation under the 9th Malaysia Plan, he said.

The state, he said, was also an important component alongside Terengganu and East Pahang in the plan to create the East Coast Corridor, a plan to boost the agriculture sector and spur economic development.