

Civil service to adopt PM's formula

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KUANTAN, Sun. — The five-point winning work culture outlined by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will be given special attention in the ongoing improvisation programme for the 900,000 civil servants nationwide.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman said today the formula would be incorporated in long-term plans towards increasing efficiency.

"We regard the Prime Minister's

statement as a directive to improve the quality of the civil service and while this is being continuously carried out, special attention will be given to the initiatives outlined."

Samsudin said this after visiting Pusat Tenunan Kampung Kempadang, the Sungai Lembing Museum and a deer sanctuary in Sungai Jin.

He was asked to comment on Abdullah's five-point initiative, among others, calling for a mental and attitude change in striving for excellence and adopting good leadership principles.

The Prime Minister had also called

on political leaders to work closely with civil servants to prevent erosion of confidence in the public service.

On the National Integrity Plan aimed at raising public commitment to curb corruption, Samsudin said it was expected to be ready by next month.

He also said seminars organised by the State Secretariat with university students, non-governmental organisations, political leaders and the private sector had been productive, with participants giving valuable input on ways to eradicate corruption.