

Meeting With Prime Minister

On 7 June 2005, Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) [Malaysian Professional Centre], the largest professional NGO in the country, of which IIA Malaysia is a member, organised a Courtesy Call to the Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi. President of IIA Malaysia, Wee Hock Kee, participated in this meeting which took place at the Kementerian Keselamatan Dalam Negeri, Putrajaya. The delegates, comprising council members of BIM, past chairmen of BIM, presidents of various member institutions of BIM and the secretariat of BIM, presented four recommendations to the Prime Minister:

- Attain greater recognition for the Malaysian professionals
- Create a more conducive environment for the professional services to flourish
- Challenge to make Malaysia the Centre of Excellence for professional services in the ASEAN Free Trade Area
- Professionals in the preservation of the environment for sustainable development

YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi highlighted the following issues for BIM to act on:

- (i) Human capital capacity building/development;
- (ii) Change of payment procedure for service tax;
- (iii) Setting up of a revolving fund to support the export of professional services;
- (iv) Setting up of an International Standard Professional Enclave;
- (v) Placing BIM under the patronage of the Prime Minister Ministry, and
- (vi) Annual Professional Evening cum Dinner for professional to network

IIA Malaysia congratulated BIM for the initiative in arranging the meeting with the Prime Minister.

