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FEDERAL GOVT WILL HELP DEVELOP KELANTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- The Federal Government will support joint venture projects with the Kelantan Government to bring progress to the people in the state, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today.

The Federal Government had no problems with the Kelantan Government provided it adopted an open approach and cooperated for the benefit of the Kelantan people, he told reporters after opening the corporate headquarters of the Koperasi Usaha Bersatu Malaysia Bhd (KUB) at the Pekeliling Business Centre, here.

Anwar also witnessed the signing of an agreement between Koperasi Usaha Bersatu Malaysia Bhd (KUB) and the Kelantan Economic Development Corporation for the development of the petrochemical industry in Kelantan.

He said the KUB cooperation with the Kelantan Government had the blessings of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Anwar said Dr Mahathir discussed the project and current issues with Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat yesterday.

Anwar said that at the meeting the Prime Minister also discussed the Kelantan Government's proposal to amend the state constitution.

"This morning the Prime Minister spoke to me about his meeting and I held further discussions with the Menteri Besar, his deputy and the KUB Executive Chairman Hassan Harun on the proposed cooperation and several problems that were raised," he said.

He said the Federal Government had previously cooperated in the area of development with the Kelantan Government and in some cases there were serious problems and "I hope this time round there will not be many problems." -- BERNAMA

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