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Anwar: Daim right man as NEAC executive director

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Tun Daim Zainuddin is the right man for the job of executive director of the National Economic Action Council, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said appointing the Economic Adviser to the Government to the post was appropriate.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced Daim's appointment on Saturday after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting. Dr Mahathir is chairman of the council with Anwar as the deputy.

Anwar said this when he was asked to comment on the appointment.

Anwar said that Daim had helped much in giving a lot of inputs on economic matters, especially from the private sector's point of view.

This was especially so in the last few months, Anwar said.

Based on these inputs, policies could be drawn up for implementation, he said.

Anwar was speaking to reporters after meeting visiting Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Wei Jianxing at the Prime Minister's Department.

"I believe the announcement was well received and would help us draw up programmes to strengthen the country's economy," he said.

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