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# Move to woo investors

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**PETALING JAYA:** The new coalition state governments of Selangor, Perak, Penang, Kedah and Kelantan have vowed to implement business-friendly free-market policies to stimulate growth, attract foreign investment and promote greater accountability and transparency in government dealings.

Parti Keadilan Rakyat advisor Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who has assumed the role of spokesperson for the opposition, said the five state governments would initiate dialogues with the foreign investment community already present in each state.

"This is to ensure investor confidence remains strong during the transition period and also to identify areas of concern that our new state governments will address in enhancing and improving



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their operations and performance in Malaysia.

"Our no-tolerance policy on corruption will have a major impact in reducing transaction costs and building confidence in small- and medium-

based enterprises."

Anwar also said PKR's Malaysian Economic Agenda would be implemented at the state level to reduce race-based affirmative action policies and to implement a more competitive, merit-based system.

When asked whether the Barisan Nasional's New Economic Policy would be scrapped, Anwar said there would be a major adjustment to the affirmative action programme.

He said the opposition-led state governments, guided by the constitutional guarantee to protect Malay privileges, would ensure fair treatment for non-Malays.

He added that they would also respect and honour business agreements and arrangements made by the previous state governments.