

DPM: Every govt project is now scrutinised

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KUALA LUMPUR: Every government project is now scrutinised carefully and goes through proper bidding and procurement processes, says Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The Deputy Prime Minister said it was to ensure the government could get the right project built by the right people, for the right quality, at the right price and completed on time.

“We believe that effective governance in the public sector encourages the efficient use of resources and effective service delivery,” she said when opening the 5th Asean Supreme Audit Institutions (Aseansai) Summit yesterday.

Dr Wan Azizah said zero-based budgeting had been introduced to take funds away from programmes, activities or projects that were inefficient, ineffective and fraught with leakages.

She said these funds were channelled to those which could be carried out well.

Dr Wan Azizah also said that accountability, transparency, integrity and good governance were the norms of the current administration and a priority in its agenda.

“We are determined to reverse the alarming trends of abuse of power, corruption and impunity to transform the country towards a New Malaysia, based on the principles of rule of law, fairness and inclusivity,” she said.

In her speech, Dr Wan Azizah said that recognising the importance of independence of the



Get it right: Dr Wan Azizah speaking during the opening of the Aseansai Summit in Kuala Lumpur. — Bernama

National Audit Department, the Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-Corruption had agreed in principle to enhance the independence of the Auditor-General by amending the Audit Act.

“Amending the Act alone is not enough. We must also ensure the quality and competency of audit

tasks by providing adequate funding, relevant tools and facilities, subject to the availability of the national budget as a whole,” she said.

She said there was a crucial need for cooperation among members in implementing the Aseansai Strategic Plan 2018-2021, including

the strategic goal of supporting the implementation of International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions and other good practices.

“I hope Malaysia will lead the brainstorming on how to coordinate and collaborate learning and knowledge-sharing at the Asean level,” she said. — Bernama

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