

# 'UNITY GOVT PACT WILL STABILISE COUNTRY'

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MoU inked by political parties will ensure Anwar's govt lasts 5 years, says Kit Siang

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**T**HE unity government memorandum of understanding signed on Friday will stabilise the country's political scene by ensuring that the government led by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim lasts for five years, said DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang.

"I congratulate the prime minister, (Datuk Seri) Anwar Ibrahim for the unity government (MoU) signed by political coalitions, political parties and members of parliament (MPs).

"It will not only ensure that this government can last five years and solidify political stability for the country, but is the basis for Malaysia to stop its national decline and become a world-class nation before the country's centennial anniversary."

The former parliamentary opposition leader said the agreement would provide a reset for nation-building policies and a return to the nation-building principles as advocated by the first four Umno presidents and the nation's founding fathers — Datuk Onn Jaafar, Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Abdul Razak Hus-



Prime Minister and Pakatan Harapan chairman Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and other political party leaders after signing the unity government memorandum of understanding in Putrajaya on Friday. BERNAMA PIC

sein, Tun Hussein Onn, Tun Tan Cheng Lock, Tun Tan Siew Sin, Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu, and Tun V.T. Sambanthan.

Lim added that the agreement was in line with what was enshrined in the Constitution and the Rukun Negara concerning constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy, separation of powers, Islam as the official religion of the country, rule of law, good governance, public integrity, meritocracy and respect for human rights.

"Let this agreement be an inspiration to every patriotic Malaysian, political coalition and political party inside and outside of Parliament, that we can work with one common mission and purpose — to make Malaysia great again and fulfil the aspiration of 'Bapa Malaysia', Tunku Abdul Rahman, for this country

to be a 'beacon of light in a difficult and distracted world'.

"This is work not of one prime minister or in one general election, as it must be the mission of many prime ministers and many general elections, and should be the Malaysian Dream of every citizen for the next three to four decades.

"Let Malaysia start now under the leadership of the country's 10th prime minister, Anwar, and begin the long process to make Malaysia great again."

The former DAP secretary-general called for a Malaysia that would be among the great nations of the world where there was minimal corruption, a tiger economy, world-class education standards and a sustainable environment that would allow the country to showcase itself as the confluence of four great civili-

sations — Malay, Chinese, Indian and the West.

Lim said he agreed with the call of the Conference of Rulers that the Judicial Appointments Commission should be free of influence from the prime minister.

He said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azlina Othman Said had initiated the first steps to separate the role of public prosecutor from the Attorney-General's Chambers.

On another matter, Lim, who is also former Iskandar Puteri MP, urged the government to study the call by Sahabat Alam Malaysia for a royal commission of inquiry to look into the landslide disaster at Batang Kali, Selangore, as well as the larger question of risks arising from climate change.