

M'sians will soon get to evaluate federal and, state govts

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians will be able to evaluate the performance of not only the Federal Government but also state governments starting next year, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

To enable the public to evaluate the performance of the federal and state governments, he said report cards from each state would be unveiled in stages.

He said Selangor would be the first state next month to reveal its track record.

"These past few days, we've seen the performance of the Federal Madani Government.

"Malaysians get to evaluate our work in the past year," he said in his speech at the closing ceremony of the Madani Government One Year Anniversary Programme at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium yesterday.

"In that spirit, we have agreed that other states will also produce their reports starting with Selangor in January.

"Other states will follow suit after that," he said.

Anwar said the initiative was to ensure all policies, programmes and projects were being implemented transparently.

He said it would also allow the government to get feedback from the public so that Putrajaya could improve its performance.

"Paradigm shift means we must have the determination and courage to make changes so that every single person in this country will get the benefits.

"When we say we want to improve schools, we mean all types of schools. When we say we want to end hardcore poverty, we mean we want to help all of those affected regardless of their backgrounds," he said.

The Prime Minister said he was determined to implement the true meaning of democracy through the Madani concept, adding that practising mature politics would benefit all segments of society.

At the same time, he urged the public to evaluate the performance of his government using facts, not emotions.

"We must evaluate based on facts, not lies," he added.