

'Do not be bogged down by culture of contentment'

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday called on the Cabinet and civil servants to rise from their culture of contentment and earnestly implement changes in the national administration.

In his first monthly address to staff of the Prime Minister's Department in the new year, Anwar said in any system, there must be a desire to bring about change.

"The system has been consolidated for decades but there must be humility to acknowledge.

"There are strengths but when we have new people, there must be a desire to bring change.

> Cabinet, civil servants must have desire to bring change and work together to bring glory back to the country, says Anwar

"We must not allow the culture of contentment to bog us down."

Anwar said if there is a simple approach to administering the country, all parties will unite and work together to bring glory back to the country.

"The most important thing is for the country to be politically stable, clear in its direction and strong in the desire to bring change to restore its dignity,"

he said.

With several measures already announced to increase the level of efficiency in solving problems, Anwar said he wanted all actions to be carried out transparently, Bernama reported.

"Recently, we called for more aggressive action to be taken to overcome the shortage of foreign workers in the plantation industry, manufacturing and

other sectors.

"It affects our country's growth rate. There should be transparency in any action taken," he said, expressing hope that implemented changes under the unity government would be well received by all departments.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah, Sarawak and Special Functions) Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Seri Mohd Na'im Mokhtar and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.