



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim waving after the closing of the 2023 National Consumers Day at Plaza Pavillion Bukit Jalil in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

## FOR STATE CONSTITUENCIES

# RM50m to extend Rahmah initiative

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government will allocate RM50 million to extend the Rahmah initiative to state constituencies nationwide.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the allocation was due to the success of the initiative, which had helped those in the lower-income category.

“This (the extension of the initiative) will involve extra cost.

“However, I will ensure that the allocation will be approved immediately and that the extension of the programme will be expedited,” he said at the closing ceremony of the 2023 National Consumers Day here yesterday.

Present were Minister in Prime

Minister’s Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs and Special Functions) Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, who is also acting Domestic Trade and Cost of Living minister, Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil and Deputy Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Senator Fuziah Salleh.

Anwar, who is Finance minister, said the allocation was agreed upon to facilitate the government’s aim to end hardcore poverty in the country.

“There is no reason why we cannot (continue the initiative).

“This is also why in the 2023 Madani budget, we aim to end hardcore poverty for all

130,000 families.

“With the initiative, we can nurture the practice of care and compassion; and it encourages the elites to give back to society so that basic necessities can reach the poor and needy.”

The Rahmah initiative was introduced by the late Domestic Trade and Cost of Living minister, Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub to help those in the B40 income group and hardcore poor.

The programmes introduced under the initiative included the RM5 lunch and dinner set meals, food baskets, medical treatment, as well as holding sales of goods at affordable prices.