



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking to a trader after the launch of the 24-stall food court developed under Kuala Lumpur City Hall's Program Lestari Niaga@Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With them is Bandar Tun Razak member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

'FORMULATE POLICIES'

# PM: TRANSFORM FOOD COURTS IN 2 YEARS

**Anwar wants to see clean and beautiful stalls in all cities**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday called on all state governments to formulate clear policies and plans to upgrade and beautify food courts and stalls nationwide.

He said he had engaged with the Local Government Development Ministry, menteri besar and chief ministers for the relevant authorities to come up with a similar policy on the development of food courts and stalls.

He said rapid development had led to the opening of luxury hotels and swanky restaurants, but these were not meant for the common folk.

He said it was important for food courts to ensure cleanliness and look presentable.

He said food courts in the capital here and the rest of the country must be transformed within one or two years.

"We need to change the face of Kuala Lumpur. I want to see stalls that are beautiful and clean. This

must happen in all cities in the country.

"We do not want to just focus on Kuala Lumpur, but also Petaling Jaya, Klang, Shah Alam, Penang, Ipoh, Kuantan, Kota Baru and Alor Star," he said at the launch of the 24-stall food court developed under Kuala Lumpur City Hall's Program Lestari Niaga@Kuala Lumpur.

Present were Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh and Bandar Tun Razak member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The construction of the RM7.2 million food court began in May 2018 and was completed in October last year.

Anwar also announced that traders operating at D'Anjung Selera Madani in Jalan Jujur, Bandar Tun Razak, here, would now pay only RM200 a month for stall rental.

He said he reduced the proposed rate of RM400 by half to help the traders.

Anwar said he wanted to see similar food court projects in the city to serve low-income folk, adding that it would ensure balanced development.

The prime minister also touched on the need to get students to clean school toilets, which would help instil positive

values in them.

He said he had instructed Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek to check on the condition of school toilets, and the report he received revealed that many toilets had been in a deplorable state for decades.

"They (students) are humans. They are not 'dewa', who do not need to go to the toilet. They must be trained to clean toilets.

"When I was the education minister (1986 to 1991), I directed all schools to put students on rotation to clean toilets.

"But one upper-class parent sent me a telegram and reminded me that his child was sent to school to be educated, not to clean toilets.

"Getting educated is also about learning to be clean and respecting other people, including the cleaners.

"When our children are trained to clean, they will appreciate their mothers who clean after them, as well as those who sweep the roads and clean public toilets. They will also have respect, for work values."

Anwar said students should be responsible for the facilities they use.

He said such tasks as cleaning toilets would teach students about cleanliness and encourage them to appreciate the contributions of school staff.