

# Putrajaya to work with Johor economic development

**PETALING JAYA:** The cooperation planned by the Federal Government with Johor is vital to ensure the implementation of projects in the state has a comprehensive impact, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he received a courtesy call from Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi on Thursday evening to discuss issues pertaining to governance and allocations for

Johor's economic development.

"Matters discussed included the construction of health facilities and roads, the Customs Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) Complex, Financial Hub as well as building of mosques and religious schools in Felda settlements.

"Also discussed were post-flood relief assistance for farmers, breeders and fishermen as well as the issue of maintaining and

refurbishing apartments more than 40 years old," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

In response, Onn Hafiz thanked Putrajaya for its concerns on some of the major issues faced by the state, such as traffic congestion at the Causeway and Second Link.

"We are grateful for the Federal Government's assistance in helping us tackle issues such as congestion at the Bangunan

Sultan Iskandar and Sultan Abu Bakar Customs, Immigration and Quarantine complexes.

"We hope our warm ties can be translated into making Johor a developed state by 2030," he said in a Facebook post.

Onn Hafiz has been actively highlighting traffic congestion issues at the Causeway, with him conducting surprise checks at the CIQ complex and meeting with Immigration officials to

work on solutions.

He has assured the people that the traffic situation at the major entry and exit points would be better managed.

State officials have also met with senior Health Ministry officials to highlight the long waiting hours at Hospital Sultanah Aminah and Hospital Sultan Ismail which are two of the state's main healthcare facilities.