

# You can do even better, Selangor civil servants told

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**SHAH ALAM:** Selangor has been doing well but it has more potential to excel, says Anwar Ibrahim while calling on civil servants to move forward to further strengthen the state.

The Prime Minister said that being the unity government's stronghold, the state must be reinforced.

"This state has recorded good growth, besides Sarawak, and we have to defend that.

"Even though the current performance is good, we want better performance for if (Selangor) to be exemplary," Anwar said to Selangor civil servants at the state secretariat here yesterday.

He also advised the attendees to not be satisfied with the state's achievements of being the top contributor towards the nation's



**All smile now:** Amiruddin taking a selfie with Anwar and other civil servants during the event in Shah Alam. - KK SHAM/The Star

gross domestic product (GDP) yearly.

"I always tell Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari that I am not satisfied with the state's performance and direct him to improve Selangor's administra-

tive performance," he added.

Anwar said civil servants played a crucial role in bringing about positive change as well as building public confidence in regards to the quality of service provided.

On another matter, Anwar said he was facing a very big challenge brought by the country's high national debt albeit inheriting the leadership after years of struggle.

"People ask me why I have to work hard when I am already old.

"I tell them, it is my fate and I have been given a big test/ said Anwar as he referred to the nation's RM1.5 trillion debt as the big test.

He said he could take the issue like how the previous leaders did but it was not a feasible approach.

"I can say, so what is wrong? If not enough money, just borrow. There is sukuk and there are bonds.

"But this is not being responsible. Who is going to do the repayment? Our children," he added.

The Prime Minister said leaders, who spend and borrow as much as possible, would only result in the deterioration of the

nation's economic management.

Anwar also warned that every person involved in corruption, particularly those who "stole" from the rakyat, would be prosecuted.

"No one will be spared, regardless of their status," he added.

He emphasised that the money, which was embezzled, should have been rightfully used to upgrade public infrastructure and amenities.

Anwar also said the government was looking into upgrading the living quarters of civil servants after settling issues pertaining to damaged public toilets as well as lack of amenities in schools.

Besides Amirudin, others at the event included state Speaker Ng Suee Lim, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, state secretary Datuk Haris Kasim and Selangor DAP chairman Gobind Singh Deo.