

KL hawker centres being spruced up

KUALA LUMPUR: Maintenance work at 68 hawker centres around the capital is currently being carried out by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said the Federal Territories Department (JWP) and DBKL were cooperating on the initiative.

"The aim of the initiative is to beautify and provide a comfortable space for traders to earn a living, in addition to being one of the attractions for visitors that come to the capital city.

"While we are busy developing buildings and landmarks, we should not cast aside hawkers and traders who also want a comfortable place with facilities for them and their visitors," he said yesterday on his Facebook.

Anwar had visited the Pusat Penjaja Madani in Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman here yesterday morning for a friendly meet with hawkers, traders and visitors.

After his visit, he told the press that DBKL would revoke business licences from traders and hawkers who had given them to third parties including foreigners.

Anwar said they had a plan to ensure hawkers and traders



Morning walkabout: Anwar meeting with traders and patrons at Pusat Penjaja Madani in Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kuala Lumpur. - RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

adhered to the rules and regulations, especially on licences given only to locals.

"If there are those who don't comply their licences will be revoked," he told reporters.

He also reiterated his commitment to upgrade the capital's facilities and image, including

hawker centres.

"There are several aspects including improving cleanliness, water system, drainage and roofs, which we will repair immediately this year as well," he said.

Anwar had earlier urged all local municipalities and state governments to change the image of

traders and hawker centres with better facilities and infrastructure.