

'STELLAR ACHIEVEMENT'

Anwar says Yeoh's win an inspiration to film industry folks

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians congratulated Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh on winning the Best Actress Oscar at the Academy Awards yesterday.

Leading the bouquets was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who said Yeoh's win was an inspiration to all people in the film industry.

In a message on Facebook, Anwar said she had done the nation proud on the international stage, being the first Malaysian to win an Oscar and the first Asian to win Best Actress.

"Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh carries the hopes of Malaysians.

"May her stellar achievement

inspire everyone in the creative industry to aim high and do the nation proud," he said.

Yeoh, 60, won the award for her role as Evelyn Wang in the science-fiction film *Everything Everywhere All At Once*.

Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh congratulated Michelle for her "inspirational win".

"Congratulations, Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh. An inspiration to all of us," she said in a Facebook post.

Hannah included Michelle's bold statement addressed to women in her acceptance speech: "Ladies, don't let anybody ever tell you that you are past your prime."

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