

TENDERS

'ONLY THE QUALIFIED WILL GET PROJECTS'

Contract bidders are anonymous when committee decides, says Anwar

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THE government will ensure all tenders, especially for major projects, will be awarded to bid-

ders based on their track record and capabilities.

In his speech at the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association's (Rehda) 50th anniversary dinner here on Wednesday night, Prime Minister Datuk Seri

Anwar Ibrahim recounted how the Tender Committee decided on a developer of a major project.

"I told them (the Tender Committee) to reach a decision and that the companies' name should not be made known.

"We kept to company A, B or C. And we made our decision not knowing who got the tender.

"We decided purely based on the track record and financial capabilities of the company," he said.

Anwar, however, did not iden-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association's 50th anniversary dinner in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday night. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

tify the major project to which he was referring.

"I believe that this is a good start for the country. This should be the guiding principles in awarding tenders

"Because I understand more than ever that corruption in the country is endemic if not systemic. It will take a lot of courage and conviction (to change the situation of the country).

"After going in and out of (the) Sungai Buloh (prison), I think I am blessed with some courage (in the effort to eradicate corruption)," he said.

"Only through growth that is convincing can we share the ben-

efit with the rakyat.

"That is why I proposed and espoused the Malaysia Madani concept, which is inclusive.

"Enough of racism, enough of religious bigotry, enough with leaders known to be able to squander effectively for themselves, their families and cronies," he said.

He later thanked Rehda for the role it played in developing the country.

"One of the pillars of any development is the construction sector and housing developers.

"You know that you have played a pivotal role (in developing the nation)."