



Anwar with MRT Corp CEO Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim (right) riding the train towards Putrajaya Sentral station yesterday.
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Govt focusing efforts on enhancing education, health sectors: PM

KUALA LUMPUR: The government is focusing its efforts on strengthening critical sectors like health and education this year, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"For this year, we want to take very firm and bold measures by spending far more to resolve basic infrastructure problems concerning dilapidated schools, toilets, school facilities, health and medical aspects.

"That is why we see major allocations for the Health Ministry and Education Ministry in Budget 2023. It is not that other ministries are not important; it is just that we need to focus on sectors which have

pressing needs", he said when launching the Phase Two Putrajaya MRT Line at the Serdang MRT depot near here yesterday.

Budget 2023, which was tabled by Anwar on Feb 24, saw the Education Ministry getting the biggest allocation at RM55.2 billion, followed by the Health Ministry at RM36.3 billion.

The prime minister gave an assurance that the needs and interests of other ministries would not be overlooked.

"If the transport minister has other needs, we will study them. If there is an influx of tourists into the country in the next two months, the Tourism, Arts and

Culture Ministry will be playing an important role, with immigration matters also involving the Home Ministry."

Anwar said his administration will continue to emphasise good governance to ensure there are no leakages or wastages in government expenditure.

"I'm emphasising this because it is necessary. In this aspect, it is not only politicians but civil servants, government companies and the management should also be monitored more closely.

"This matter has become critical at all levels. If we save, the benefit goes to the people," he said.
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