

RM5M ALLOCATION FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

PM encourages youth empowerment

PORT DICKSON: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday announced a RM5 million annual allocation for the Malaysian Youth Council (MBM) to empower young people.

Anwar said the move was in recognition of the hard work and seriousness of MBM, led by president Mohd Izzat Afifi Abdul Hamid, in supporting the Malaysia Madani concept.

“MBM is special because its affiliates, representing various associations, races and religions, can bring youth together in the spirit of unity.

“MBM is important in saving

our country and building new strength,” he said in his speech at the National Youth Day 2023 celebration at the District and Land Office field here yesterday.

Present were Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun and Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh.

Anwar said MBM needed to provide a detailed report on its plan to increase the membership of youth in associations.

“Secondly, how to get more women participation at all levels, including MBM leadership.

“And thirdly, how to intensify programmes related to the econ-

omy, training, welfare and youth awareness in fulfilling their responsibilities to this country.”

Anwar said youth must have confidence, idealism and principles, in addition to being respectful to one another and saying no to corruption.

With the National Youth Day celebration themed *Ini Masa Kita* (This is Our Time), he reminded the youth against using religion and race to destroy the nation.

Anwar, who once led MBM in the 1970s, said that he was determined to fight corruption today due to the spirit and principles of the previous members. **Bernama**