

Workers most vital pillar in national development: PM

KUALA LUMPUR: In conjunction with Labour Day yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim called on all parties to work closely to prepare the nation's human resources to drive the country's economic growth and face future challenges.

"May 1 is a day to appreciate the efforts, hard work and unwavering commitment of workers in contributing to the development and prosperity of the country.

"Indeed, workers are the most important pillar that has made the national development agenda successful for so long."

Anwar said the theme of this year's Labour Day celebration, *Pekerja Pemangkin Wadah Malaysia Madani* (Workers - Catalyst for Malaysia Madani), reflects the aspirations that support the principles of well-being, justice, mutual respect, courtesy as well as people's cooperation to transform Malaysia into an advanced nation.

> Anwar, Cabinet ministers express gratitude during Labour Day celebrations to country's workforce for contributions in all sectors

"Happy Labour Day to all workers in Malaysia," he said.

Several Cabinet ministers also expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the contributions made by workers in all sectors in developing the country.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said in a Facebook post that there are still many things that need to be done together.

"We have a lot more to do, and we have to do it together. Thank you for all your contributions, and continue to work towards building a Malaysia Madani. Happy Labour Day to all."

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Fadillah Yusof said Labour Day is a day to remember and appreciate the contributions of workers.

"To those who are still serving, whether in the public or private sector, continue to be motivated to work better with full dedication for the sake of Malaysia Madani. Our country, our responsibility. Together we give the best for the sake of the people and the country," he said in a post on his Facebook page.

Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohammad Sabu said all parties need to continue working hard to develop the country, including in the field of

agriculture, to ensure the country's food security.

"To farmers, fishermen, breeders and all workers in the agricultural sector, work hard. What we are doing today is *fard kifayah* (collective obligation) and Insha-Allah will surely be rewarded by Allah SWT."

Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil thanked all workers who served with full dedication, Bernama reported.

Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub said the working class is a major contributor to the country's economy.

He expressed his deep appreciation to workers for their hard work.

"I admire the commitment of Malaysians who continue to be the driving force behind the country's economy, combining energy to ensure that our beloved Malaysia continues to develop and be competitive on the international stage."

Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail described the working class as the backbone of nation-building.

He added that the unity government, through the concept of Malaysia Madani, would continue to commit to various reforms and initiatives to ensure that the sacrifices and hard work of the working class are always protected.

Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing said the Malaysian government launched a series of diplomatic activities in the first half of this year for actionable results, and the visit to China saw the successful signing of trade cooperation amounting to RM170 billion.

"Let us applaud and commend the hardworking people of Malaysia leading the way to the next chapter for us with courage and perseverance."



Workers from various sectors celebrating Labour Day at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday.

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