

ANWAR'S 1st YEAR IN OFFICE

PM: GOVT TO BE MORE ASSERTIVE IN 2024

Firm approach needed to boost Malaysia's standing in region, he says

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EVEN as Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim celebrates his first anniversary as prime minister today, he is already looking to the year ahead.

With a year done and dusted, Anwar said the government next year would adopt a more assertive and firm approach to drive essential changes that would enhance Malaysia's standing as a prominent nation

in the region.

He said he was confident that the government was capable of this, but acknowledged that it would be an uphill climb.

“We started this government — although not favoured by many — with good governance, good attitude and values.

“This country can no longer be known as a country that is comfortable with and tolerant of corruption and misappropriation,” he said at the opening of the Tangan Emas Perdana Menteri and the Anugerah Tokoh Mahir Awards Ceremony 2023.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said all funds must be used wisely at all levels, reiterating that the prime minister did not hold the posts so as to enrich his family members.

“Ministers are there not for personal gain or gratification. This is our path.

“Change cannot happen if we (don't inculcate) positive values.”

He also said the people cannot continue arguing about race, religion and differences in opinions, and that Malaysia could not progress if this continued.

“If we want to raise our country's dignity, the economy must be managed well, and our younger generation must be trained.

“Stable politics can bring in more investments for our country.

“I hope all of you understand that this country needs to progress and it cannot do so with harmful and detrimental politics.”

Also present were Human Resources Minister V. Sivakumar, Deputy Works Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Mohamad and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.