

Political stability draws foreign investments: PM

SHAH ALAM: The political stability enjoyed under the unity government over the past year has attracted many global industrial giants to invest in Malaysia, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said companies like Google, TikTok, Infineon Technologies AG, China's automotive company Geely and Tesla have confidence in Malaysia's capability because the country has clear policies.

"I am grateful that Malaysia has gained attention again after lagging behind for some time," he said at the launch of the Prime

Minister's Gold Hand Award and Skilled Person Award ceremony at the Shah Alam Convention Centre yesterday.

Anwar said the government will be more aggressive and assertive to bring changes, not only to save the country but also to raise the dignity of the country in this region, by attracting more investors, managing the economy well, training the children and having good governance.

"This country can no longer be known as a country that tolerates corruption and embezzlement, every fund must be used properly at all levels."

Anwar said the current political

stability would also make it difficult for certain parties that were "harbouring" hopes of taking over the government.

He also ticked off those who argued about the difference of religion and race but are not bothered about the future of children, including that of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training graduates.

Anwar wants the Industrial Training Institutes and related agencies to provide adequate skill training, following comments from investors on the need for workers' skills in the country to be improved.

Touching on his vocal support

on the issue of Palestine, Anwar admitted that, although it is difficult, he will speak out on the issue on the international stage, representing all Malaysians.

He also slammed the actions of a few parties in the country, which he labelled as discordant voices, who continue to attack him regarding the issue.

Although he was vocal on the Palestinian issues at the 30th Economic Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in the United States recently, Anwar said it did not affect decisions of major corporations to continue investing in Malaysia.

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