

WE WANT HEALTHY, ACTIVE CHILDREN'

PM wants 3 ministries to work together to promote a healthy lifestyle among people

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim urged for a close cross-ministerial network between the Youth and Sports, Education and Higher Education ministries to empower people in the Madani government.

He said the Madani community could develop only when people were empowered in multiple fields, including in employment, economy and health.

"A Madani nation encourages growth. If the country is not stable, investors would not come in.

"We can see this through our visit to Abu Dhabi when they gave us a spontaneous welcome. Two days ago, Geely had also invested to turn Tanjung Malim, Perak, into an automotive hub for the nation.

"This is why I always place emphasis on our country to be peaceful. But to empower a Madani nation, we want active and healthy children.

"That's why sports is an inte-

gral part in promoting a healthy lifestyle."

He said this when launching the National Sports Day at Dataran Istana Kehakiman here on Friday.

Malaysia, he added, could prosper should youth stand together in unity.

He said people wanted peace and they accepted Malaysia's multiculturalism, especially in sports.

Commenting on the 2024 Budget presented on Friday, he said some provisions requested for decades were finally given attention.

These included allocations for sports in general and sports for the disabled, as well as tax exemption.

He said this included an increase in allocation for the Rakan Muda programme to encourage more youths to be active in various fields.

Present at the launch were Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh and her deputy, Adam Adli, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Inspector-General of Police



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, on the podium, launching the National Sports Day in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. With him are Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh and her deputy Adam Adli, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain. PIC BY SAIFULLIZAN TAMADI

Tan Sri Razarudin Husain.

About 30,000 participants are expected to join in the 60 programmes on National Sports Day nationwide.

The event, held on the second

Saturday of October every year, promotes sports in the community.

It is also aimed at boosting public participation in sports, boosting unity and driving economic

development through the sports and recreation industry.

Anwar flagged off the Fit Malaysia events, a 5km and 10km run, and 10km and 30km cycling events.