

# 'Govt to speed up HKL improvements'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government will look into speeding up improvements to facilities at the third class ward of Kuala Lumpur Hospital (HKL), said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad would look into the matter and bring it to the cabinet's attention.

"We can see that the third class ward is somewhat hot and crowded. The minister will bring it to the attention of the cabinet so that we can expedite what is necessary.

"The minister and the director

(of HKL) will also give attention to other problems that the ministry and the government can focus on to ensure that facilities are good," he said after visiting patients at HKL's third class ward yesterday.

Present were Anwar's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Dr Dzulkefly and HKL director Datin Paduka Dr Rohana Johan.

Anwar said he called for a comprehensive study into the way medicine is procured to ensure cost-effectiveness.

"Whether the medicine is fully used or not, there should be no wastage. The priority is on HKL because of the quantities (of medicine) involved.

"But we also have to focus on the clinic in Kapit and the clinic in Manek Urai, for example. The ministry looks at it as a whole."

The prime minister congratulated HKL for providing services that have received world-class recognition, which he hoped would spur every level of the hospital to give their best efforts and provide the best service. **Bernama**