

QUEEN ELIZABETH II HOSPITAL TO BECOME **CARDIOLOGY CENTRE**

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THE Queen Elizabeth II Hospital here will become a cardiology centre, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

It will be renamed the Sabah Cardiology Centre and will receive a RM80 million allocation.

“The healthcare capacity in Sabah is quite limited. Many have to fly to Kuala Lumpur (for advanced treatment).

“In Sarawak, at the suggestion of Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Openg, we agreed to build a cancer centre in Kuching.



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“For Sabah, the cardiology services at the hospital will include a heart specialist clinic, a non-invasive catheterisation laboratory and an operation theatre.

“There are three heart special-

ists and 120 nurses. Three more cardiologists will be added,” he said at the National Madani Aidilfitri celebration at the Sabah International Convention Centre here.

According to additional information provided by the Prime Minister’s Department, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital currently has 107 beds and a bed occupancy rate of 75 per cent.

Earlier, Anwar received a warm welcome from the public at the Madani Aidilfitri event.

About 20,000 people thronged the venue for the national-level celebration.

People took the opportunity to shake hands and take selfies with Anwar.

He spent 30 minutes on the meet-and-greet session.

Present were Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Juhar Mahiruddin and Toh Puan Norlidah RM Jasni, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor, as well as state and federal ministers.

The entourage arrived at the venue after a meeting at Menara Kinabalu.