

'RM16b to be spent on state's development'

KOTA KINABALU: The federal government's RM16 billion allocation for Sabah this year is going to the development of schools, security and infrastructure.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the amount was significant as it was being used for the people's benefit.

"The RM16 billion allocation for Sabah this year is going to the development of schools, security and other things," he said in his keynote address at the Himpunan Perdana Rakyat at the Sabah International Convention Centre here.

He said the allocation's break-

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RM7.9b

for management of federal agencies

RM1.5b

state allocations, including under Article 112D of the Constitution

RM6.6b

for local developments

down included the management of federal agencies (RM7.9 billion); state allocations, including those under Article 112D of the Federal Constitution (RM1.5 billion); and for local developments (RM6.6 billion).

He said another RM9 billion was allocated for building the Sabah portion of the Pan Borneo Highway.

He said Sabah had contributed RM10.2 billion to the nation's revenue last year.

This amount comprised the five per cent petroleum revenue (RM1.7 billion); Inland Revenue Board taxes (RM7.2 billion); Customs and excise duties

(RM700 million); and domestic taxes (RM600 million).