

BIRTHDAY WISHES POUR IN FOR ANWAR

Ministers and
Malaysians send
greetings to PM on
his 77th birthday

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim celebrated his 77th birthday yesterday with well wishes from cabinet members, leaders and others in government.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO), on its Facebook page yesterday, uploaded a poem and birthday greetings to Anwar.

It also added a heartwarming video compilation of cabinet ministers sending their birthday wishes to Anwar.

The nearly three-minute video was shared on PMO's social media platforms, and featured both deputy prime ministers, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, and cabinet members.

Zahid wished for Anwar's blessings to grow, and for his piety and faith to be strengthened, and Fadillah prayed that God would grant him guidance and enlightenment.

Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu said: "Aug 10 is a significant date for our prime minister.

"He looks healthy, walking very quickly."

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli, meanwhile, said Anwar should run more.

"Don't forget, you are already 77 years old. If you can, run a little bit more than you do now."

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said wished for Anwar's long and prosperous life.

"Happy birthday, sir! So I hope you live for a very long time to fill up this chair (as prime minister)."

Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo hoped that Anwar would keep inspiring his ministers.

"Keep doing what you do, keep fighting, keep inspiring us, keep taking Malaysia forward."

Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh said it was a privilege serving in the same cabinet as Anwar and witnessing first-hand the consistency of his words for a



A screenshot of a video featuring birthday wishes for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim uploaded by the Prime Minister's Office on its Facebook page yesterday. VIDEO CLIP TAKEN FROM PMO'S FB PAGE

just and multiracial Malaysia, both in private and public spaces.

"The year was 2008 when you introduced me to the people of Subang Jaya in my first-ever public appearance in politics.

"Back then, I was only 29, newly married, so young and fresh, and fast forward many years later, I find myself serving in your cabinet in Putrajaya.

"May God grant you perfect health so that you can continue to walk and run faster than many of us.

"Have a wonderful celebration today and we pray we can bring home a special birthday gift from Paris to you, sir," said Yeoh on Facebook.

The Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim) prayed for Anwar's wellbeing so that he would continue leading the country towards success.

"The department and the staff at the Prime Minister's Department wish YAB Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim a happy birthday.

"May Allah grant you a long life, and ease all your work with His blessings.

"We pray for your health so that you may continue leading Malay-

sians in the development of Malaysia Madani."

The Finance Ministry paid tribute to Anwar for fighting for the country and the wellbeing of the people.

"Happy 77th birthday to YAB Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, prime minister and finance minister.

"May YAB Datuk Seri be showered with prosperity and be in the best of health always.

"Thank you, YAB Datuk Seri, for always fighting for our beloved country and its people. Your sincerely, from all at the Finance Ministry."

Malaysians also took to social media to convey birthday wishes to Anwar.

Facebook user Daniel Sebastian said: "Happy 77th Birthday to my party president and the prime minister of Malaysia.

"May Allah bless you with good health and wisdom always. You have another 40 months to the 16th General Election by December 2027."

On Instagram, @aksvj_8774 said: "Happy birthday to beloved PMX Anwar... 77 (years old now), but I believe he is still young at heart."