



**One for the album:** Anwar posing with civil servants at the 19th Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (Mappa) at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre. – Bernama

# Have a spring in your step

## PM wants to see a new spirit in civil servants following pay hike

**PUTRAJAYA:** Starting next Monday, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants to see civil servants coming to work with a new spirit and work culture.

Following the increase in wages for government servants, the Prime Minister said he did not want to hear the public asking why they had to wait two hours to get a licence and up to two weeks for other matters.

Anwar also said department heads who failed to report misconduct by their subordinates would face disciplinary action.

"For example, there are headmistresses who wanted to protect

the school's image and didn't even report cases of students being tortured.

"There are also department heads who did not report their subordinates with extraordinary wealth.

"Therefore, if it is proven, these department heads will not be promoted," he said during the 19th Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam (Mappa) yesterday.

Anwar earlier announced a 15% pay raise for officers under the implementing, management and professional groups and a 7% hike for officers in top manage-

ment and professional roles.

He also instructed department heads to constantly implement job rotations to prevent incidents of misconduct among public officials.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said civil servants must ensure services to the public are aligned with their core responsibilities to avoid a waste of expertise.

"I want this issue to be reviewed by the relevant ministries to ensure that our resources are realigned to where they are needed," he added.

He also warned businesses not

to take advantage of the recent salary hike to raise the prices of goods.

"I also hope the private sector, especially companies that record high profits, will follow the government's move to raise salaries to appreciate the services and sacrifices of their employees," he added.