

'Provide better service after salary adjustment'

► Prime minister also calls on civil servants to work together with govt to develop country

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged all civil servants to provide better service to the people, in line with the salary adjustment to be announced by the government.

Emphasising this at the launch of the Malaysia Madani Civil Servants' Housing programme in Bandar Sri Permaisuri, Anwar said the method and details of the salary adjustment will be announced, with some details to be revealed this month.

"Although there are dissenting voices that never understand gratitude and never accept reality, believe me, I will announce it later, partly in August and fully, as I promised, in October in the national Budget. It will be implemented starting Dec 1.

"What is the scheme for civil servants? It is the highest salary increase in the nation's history since independence, for two reasons. First, the country is developing but there has been no comprehensive salary review for 12 years and second, to recognise their role," he said.

Also present were Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali, Public Service Director-General Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz and Bandar Tun Razak MP Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Bernama reported.

The mechanism for adjusting civil

servant salaries will be announced by Anwar during the 19th *Majlis Amanat Perdana Perkhidmatan Awam* on Aug 16 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

Anwar also said civil servants need to work together with the government in developing the country.

"In this *Madani* nation, we must ensure a sustainable economy, and *Alhamdulillah*, as reported, the strength of the ringgit, which has been an issue for us, has returned with confidence. The performance of the ringgit today is the best compared with the past 14 years.

"What is the basis for this? Certainly, it is because of stable politics, clear policies, dedicated civil servants and private sector officers. All these play a role in achieving it," he said.

On Aug 2, the ringgit was at 4.49 against the US dollar at the close.

It increased by 1.6% against the US dollar after recording a 10-day consecutive rise, the best performance since 2010.