

Strengthen tradition of seeking knowledge, says PM

BANGI: The tradition of seeking knowledge and intellectual enlightenment must continue to be strengthened, especially among the younger generation, to ensure that Malaysia achieves its aspiration of becoming a *Madani* nation, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said efforts to uplift the dignity of the *ummah* must begin with reinforcing the foundation of knowledge.

"To train our people in areas such as digitalisation or artificial intelligence requires us to equip ourselves with a strong foundational framework of knowledge," he said at the launch of the books *Amanah Dakwah* and *Mohamad Natsir: Ilmuwan Ulung Alam Melayu Abad ke-20* in Bangi on Tuesday.

Also present were Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar.

Anwar emphasised that the younger generation must embody the concept of *addabani rabbi fa ahsana ta'dibi*, which reflects the integration of divine values with the strength of knowledge, reading and engagement with great scholarly works.

He said the mastery of knowledge encompassed not only technical skills but also the ability to understand the philosophy and values underpinning the development of a harmonious and progressive society.

He added that excellence does not solely depend on technology but also on how

Malaysians utilise it with wisdom and decorum.

Anwar said the strengthening of knowledge is a shared responsibility to ensure that Malaysians are prepared to face increasingly complex global challenges.

Mohamad Natsir: Ilmuwan Ulung Alam Melayu Abad ke-20, authored by Tan Sri Dr Mohd Kamal Hassan, or M. Kamal Hassan, highlights the personality, intellect and contributions of Mohamad Natsir throughout his life, serving as a model and guide for the Muslim *ummah*.

Amanah Dakwah, written by Dr Razali Nawawi, examines from his perspective, the mission of spreading the message of *Tauhid* across the globe as carried out by Prophet Muhammad SAW. - Bernama