

## REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT

# PM: Govt committed to sustainable practices

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reiterated the government's commitment to reducing Malaysia's carbon footprint and promoting sustainable practices.

"We have implemented multifaceted policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions, promoting social equity, creating new growth opportunities in the green economy, and ensuring transparent governance," he said in a Facebook post.

"To this effect, we have allocated substantial funds towards renewable energy, investing in clean and sustainable energy sources."

On Friday, he called on businesses, civil society and the public to participate in achieving a sustainable future.

He had said embracing environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices transcended regulatory compliance and that a shift in mindsets was needed.

Under the 2024 Budget, the Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Ministry's allocation was increased to RM7.1 billion from the RM6.5 billion allocation it received the year before.

The budget also included measures to support Malaysia's ESG agenda, rehabilitate slopes, conserve biodiversity and double the number of community forest rangers.

In **Kuching**, Bernama reported that Anwar said the political stability and clear policies upheld by Sarawak's leadership had enabled the state to emerge as an economic powerhouse in Malaysia.

He said Sarawak had demonstrated impressive economic growth, contributing to increased interest from foreign investors.

Speaking at the Sarawak Gawai Dayak celebration dinner on Saturday, he said last year's investment figures were the highest in the nation's history.

"In addition to well-known states like Penang, Selangor and Johor, Sarawak has emerged as an economic giant."

He said Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Openg and his cabinet had shown strong commitment to ensuring that these policies were understood and implemented.

He said Sarawak was no longer just catching up with other economic powerhouses in the country but had surpassed economic growth projections made 10 years ago.