

Regaining the M'sian spirit



All smiles:
Anwar standing with the crowd after arriving for the launch of the Malaysia Madani National Training Module at Putrajaya. - FAIHAN GHANI /The Star

PM: New programme to deepen understanding of past sacrifices

PUTRAJAYA: To help the nation gain its freedom, poor parents back in the day were willing to give up their rings, bracelets and necklaces to help finance their leaders' trip to London to negotiate with the British for independence, recounted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Yet, this spirit sometimes fades as we become busy with our own self-interest without thinking about the welfare of the people," he said.

To emphasise our love for the country, the Prime Minister said the government has launched the Madani Nationhood Training Module.

"The module is also an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the nation's history

and appreciate the contributions of past leaders and fighters," he added.

He said the module is based on the principles of the Federal Constitution and expresses appreciation for the contributions of Malaysians in the country's struggle for independence.

"In the module, we will learn and appreciate the sacrifices of the past leaders of the peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak.

"However, appreciating them doesn't mean we are bound to remain in the past," he said, adding that everyone should draw strength from them and raise the dignity of the nation.

"I am inviting each of you to get back on track, to elevate the country with confidence, with

the spirit of unity love for the nation, as well as with the belief that this country can be ... a great nation in the eyes of the world," he said in his keynote speech at the launch of the module here yesterday.

It is learnt the module is open to Malaysians who are interested in understanding more about the country's history and the sacrifices of our past leaders.

Anwar also stressed the importance of good policies that bolster both domestic strengths and external investment.

"Malaysia, as a trading nation, requires core strength but it also needs confidence and investment."

He urged the youth to seize opportunities brought about by

technological advancements, stressing Malaysia is recognised as a leading semiconductor hub.

"All major companies in the field of digital, new technology and AI (artificial intelligence) are entering Malaysia - including Microsoft, Google and leading semiconductor companies from Europe. The youth must seize these opportunities.

"New challenges, with an emphasis on digital, new energy, and AI, demand new measures to be taken with a new spirit," said the Prime Minister.

He also said Akademi Kenegaraan Malaysia was established to build new strengths, foster outstanding characteristics among youth and inculcate their love for the country.