

Sim to work with Indonesia on MoU revision

HAMBURG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Human Resources Minister Steven Sim will be tasked with liaising with his Indonesian counterpart on the demand for a revision of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two countries.

Anwar was asked to comment on the call made by Hermono, the Indonesian ambassador to Malaysia, for a review of the MoU on formal sector workers from the republic to Malaysia, espe-

cially those in agriculture and construction, after 20 years.

Hermono had said that among the issues requiring attention was the need for the embassy to oversee the process of hiring workers in Malaysia, as well as the issue of salaries needing adjustment in accordance with the minimum wage policy in Malaysia.

Anwar, in response, said there were certain mechanisms that had to be followed.

“I will ask the human resources

minister to discuss the matter with his (Indonesian) counterpart.

“Ambassadors can submit their views, but I don’t think it is right for me to respond to this as it involves relations between two countries.

“There are mechanisms that must be observed and respected. Indonesia is a country that is important to us and a close friend.

“So I feel we should use the mechanism in place to ensure the relations remain cordial, strong and friendly,” he said.