

Three mega projects to propel Perak economy: PM

IPOH: Three mega projects have the capacity to elevate Perak to be among the major states providing national economic growth, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said these three projects, the Automotive High Tech Valley in Tanjung Malim, Lumut Maritime Industrial City and the Kerian Integrated Green Industrial Park would help Malaysia's economy emerge strongly in Asia.

"Perak, compared with Johor, Penang and Selangor, is slightly lagging behind, but with the programmes and emphasis taken by the Saarani team (Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad), we believe that in a few years, Perak will emerge as a major state in this country.

"I was informed earlier that there are still about 4,000 people classified as hardcore poor in Perak, but we believe with the determination of the menteri besar's team, Perak will eradicate poverty in no time."

Anwar was speaking at the *Madani* 2024 breaking of fast ceremony with the Prime Minister at Kolej Poly-Tech Mara in Meru Raya here on Monday.

Also present were Saarani, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Zambry Abdul Kadir, Majlis Amanah Rakyat chairman Datuk Seri Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki and 300 students.

Anwar said foreign investments in Malaysia demonstrate that the government's vocal stance on humanitarian issues does not deter investors from continuing to show trust in the country's economy, thus repositioning it as a great nation in Asia.

"Why? Because of stable infrastructure, clear economic policies and political stability. The *Madani* economic policy, which prioritises the welfare of the people, adds to investor confidence."

He also urged youths to set aside politics of hatred, Bernama reported.

"Enough with rising hatred politics, let us rise together to become good citizens, increase knowledge, master good fields and make Malaysia a country to be emulated and admired by the world."