



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (fifth from left) witnessing the exchange of a memorandum of understanding between Malaysian Investment Development Authority chief executive officer Datuk Wira Arham Abdul Rahman and Alphabet & Google president and chief investment officer Ruth Porat in November last year. BERNAMA PIC

## ONLINE CONFERENCE

# Alphabet, Google boss updates PM on expansion

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday held an online conference with the president and chief investment officer of technology giant Alphabet & Google Ruth Porat.

In a post on Facebook, Anwar, who is also the finance minister, said the session was a follow-up to their meeting in the United States last year.

He said Porat informed him on the progress of the framework areas that Alphabet & Google could

expand in Malaysia.

“Alphabet & Google very much welcomed the leadership, commitment and speed of facilitation given by the Malaysian government since the previous meeting.”

Anwar said the discussions also touched on the importance of cooperation and support of technology and artificial intelligence related to education, health and agriculture.

“I emphasised that these efforts must eventually bring comprehensive economic and social ben-

efits without leaving out any group or community, especially in terms of technology literacy.”

Anwar hoped these efforts would bear fruit, particularly in launching the national technology transition planning and creating job opportunities.

In November last year, the government and Google announced a strategic collaboration to create inclusive growth opportunities for Malaysians and homegrown companies in the fast-growing digital economy. **Bernama**