

# 'No to second casino in Malaysia'

**DOHA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has firmly said no to the idea of a possible second casino in the country.

Speaking at the Qatar Economic Forum 2024, the prime minister said Malaysia is currently focusing on digital transformation, energy transition as well as artificial intelligence (AI) sectors.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said these are the sectors that are adequate to push future growth, among others.

Therefore, he stressed, there is no need for a second casino (licence) in the country under his administration.

"Affirmative no. Malaysia does not have to venture into the (second) casino business.

"We are focusing on digital transformation; energy transition (and) AI, and we believe these are adequate to push the country forward," he told moderator Haslinda Amin in a plenary session here on Tuesday.

Previously, the prime minister had repeatedly denied a foreign news report about the possibility of issuing a second casino licence in Forest City, Iskandar Puteri, Johor. - Bernama