

RM5 billion rice projects to be introduced

SERDANG: The government will roll out new projects for the rice cultivation industry.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the projects involved a cost of RM5 billion to support rice farmers and their produce.

“We will introduce several large projects, including a major rice cultivation plan. The first phase will start soon.”

He said this at the Malaysian Agriculture, Horticulture and Agro Tourism Exhibition (MAHA) 2024 at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang yesterday.

Present were Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu, his deputy Datuk Arthur Joseph Kurup, Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar, and Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

Anwar urged everyone, including the chief secretary to the government, ministers and secretaries-general, to focus on national development.

He said those in power should not just amass wealth and enjoy luxury, but should also work diligently to advance the country.

He said if they were determined, they could make Malaysia a great nation in the region.

“When you are rich, when you retire or when you face setbacks, you shouldn’t complain endlessly and blame everyone else and think you’re always right.

“There will be challenges if you have power. If you want to criticise, do so.

“But one thing I emphasise is that we need to focus, whether it’s the prime minister, chief secretary to the government, ministers or secretaries-general.

“We must concentrate on developing the country, rising with new strength in all fields,” he said.