

CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL MEETING

PM: Collective effort vital to protect environment

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged collective action on climate change, saying the responsibility cannot rest solely on the government.

“Protecting the environment requires cooperation from all parties, including the private sector, government agencies and the public.”

He said this in a Facebook post after chairing the Climate Action Council meeting yesterday.

Anwar said the United Kingdom and China had demonstrated the effectiveness of strong climate policies and legislation.

He said measures such as Malaysia’s National Climate Change Bill could generate returns while also addressing the impacts of climate change.

Malaysia, he said, would continue refining its policies and legal

frameworks to align with the Constitution and state powers, ensuring climate action was carried out at all levels.

“This is crucial to ensure our continued commitment to the Paris Agreement for a sustainable future,” he added.

In January, Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said his ministry was finalising the National Climate Change Bill and would present it to Parliament soon.*

He added that the ministry had engaged in discussions with state governments and stakeholders to ensure the bill was comprehensive and relevant.

He said the ministry had also consulted civil society, non-governmental organisations, businesses and the public.