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PM EXPECTS GOLD AT LA2028

Anwar takes part in Olympic House groundbreaking ceremony

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim expects Malaysia's gold medal wait to end at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Anwar, speaking at the Olympic House groundbreaking ceremony in Bukit Jalil yesterday, said the government had been supportive of sports through Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh and the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM), led by Tan Sri Mohamad Norza Zakaria.

"I think the government, through the Youth and Sports Ministry, has been very proactive, very supportive. You have a good minister, who has been harassing me for more money, more funds.

"Under Hannah, and now with Norza, well, we expect one gold medal at least from the Olympics. Otherwise, they'll be in trouble.

"But, as I always tell my grandchildren, sometimes in chess, or football, which they are involved in, they get very upset when they lose.

"I told them, that's not the spirit. The spirit, of course, is to win.

"But sportsmanship, the term sportsmanship, is such a value-laden term. You try your best. You try to excel. But you accept it in a sportsmanship fashion."

Last year, the Malaysian contingent returned empty-handed from the Paris Olympics despite the various support and assis-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim partaking in the Olympic House groundbreaking ceremony in Bukit Jalil yesterday. With him are Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh (second from left) and Olympic Council of Malaysia president Tan Sri Mohamad Norza Zakaria (second from right), NSTP PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

tance provided, including an allocation of RM13.283 million through the Road to Gold (RTG) programme since 2023.

Malaysia have won 13 medals — eight silver and five bronze —

since their first Olympic participation at the 1956 Melbourne Games.

From this tally, badminton has delivered six silver and three bronze medals, while cycling and

diving have each won one silver and one bronze.

Malaysia's best achievement in the Olympic Games was finishing with four silvers and one bronze in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.