

SHARING IDEAS

Student body. PM discuss tackling 'brain drain'

KUALA LUMPUR: Representatives from the Malaysian Students' Council in the United Kingdom and Eire (UKEC) paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim recently, and shared their ideas on addressing Malaysia's long-standing brain drain issue.

In a Facebook post, Anwar said UKEC proposed strategic collaboration between the federal government and the council through the Higher Education Ministry, covering various fields within existing policies.

The prime minister said he valued the students' perspectives and stressed the need for all stakeholders to utilise government structures and frameworks

to avoid duplication.

"We must ensure that engagement and dialogue continue regularly so that various issues can be coordinated effectively and systematically," he said.

Anwar added that such collaborations could open new avenues for Malaysian talent abroad to contribute to development, whether by returning home or through overseas initiatives connected to Malaysia.

The UKEC, led by chairman Vincent Tang, represents more than 16,000 Malaysian students studying in the UK and Ireland.

Anwar said many of them were undergoing internships at various government-linked companies during the summer break.