

# Protect human values and stop glorifying those who give bribes, says Anwar

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Fundamental human values should not be compromised due to misunderstandings or political rivalry, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday.

Citing the fight against corruption as an example, he said some people even glorified those who gave bribes, which he described as

a “deeply troubling” trend.

“Fundamental human values are being eroded in our effort to combat corruption. We condemn corruption, yet when action is taken against our friends, we become angry.

“There is a growing tendency to glorify those who give bribes. If this continues, we will not be able to

advance our state or our country,” he said in his speech at the Works Ministry’s monthly assembly.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said it was crucial that the values of humanity, compassion and mutual respect be upheld by all parties to ensure the nation’s well-being.

“First, our love should be for hu-

mans, then for animals, trees, hills and the earth we walk upon.

“Imagine, we work every day, with every design drafted and new methods introduced. Every effort contributes to the timely completion of projects.

“We build a bridge with sincere and pure intentions, without concern for commissions, corruption

or misappropriation.

“It is executed to the best of our ability, within the available budget, for the benefit of humanity, with hope and intentions grounded in love for others.”

“If this is understood and practised, surely those in the heavens will bestow their mercy and love upon us,” he added.