

Anwar calls for inclusive social protection reform

KUALA LUMPUR: There is a need for social protection programmes to be implemented inclusively, covering the entire nation and all segments of society, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said an inclusive approach must encompass the provision of essential services such as rehabilitation centres, as well as the review of related laws and regulations to accelerate implementation and deliver the greatest impact to the people.

“Today, I chaired the 9th meeting of the Malaysia Social Protection Council to strengthen policy coordination and the implementation of the national social protection agenda.



Down to business: Anwar shaking hands with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi as Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad looks on.

- Photo from Prime Minister's Office Facebook page

“The meeting also took note of improvements to Padu (Central Database Hub), along with presentations by PERKESO, the World Bank and the Economy Ministry

to enhance the country's social protection ecosystem,” he said in a Facebook post, Bernama reported.

At the meeting, the Prime

Minister also congratulated PERKESO on its reappointment as president of the International Social Security Association for the 2026-2028 term, describing it as a significant recognition for Malaysia on the global stage.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, also welcomed the publication of the Malaysia Social Protection Statistics 2024, describing it as an important reference in improving the effectiveness of policy delivery to people nationwide.

In a separate Facebook post, Anwar said he also attended a special briefing on the Malaysia Higher Education Plan (2026-2035), a long-term framework aimed at strengthening the direc-

tion of the nation's higher education sector.

He said that as a living document, the plan will continue to evolve in line with the rapid emergence of new technologies.

“Through an interdisciplinary approach and mission-oriented research, it will drive societal transformation and innovation towards a harmonious, prosperous, technologically advanced and sustainable nation.

“This blueprint is a crucial foundation to ensure that our higher education system becomes more inclusive, of higher quality and competitive in producing future generations who are prepared to face continuous challenges,” he said.