

# Building cohesive communities

## PM commends media's role in fostering integrity and cultural understanding

**GEORGE TOWN:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim described the press as both a guardian of integrity and a vital bridge between cultures, indispensable for building informed, cohesive communities.

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The Prime Minister emphasised that the media is a crucial partner in realising the Malaysia Madani vision by promoting good governance, transparency, knowledge-sharing and social harmony.

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"In the age of big data, generative artificial intelligence (AI) and borderless communication, the world needs responsible journalism, narratives that elevate our shared humanity, a deeper commitment to truth,



**Why the press matters: Anwar delivering his message through a recorded speech for the 58th Annual Conference of the World Chinese Language Press Institute at an art gallery in George Town. - Bernama**

fairness and dignity."

Anwar delivered this message in a recorded speech for the 58th Annual Conference of the World Chinese Language Press Institute at the Lin Xiang Xiong Art Gallery here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Penang Chief Minister Chow

Kon Yeow launched the conference.

Also present were Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Steven Sim and Bernama chairman Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai.

The two-day conference is hosted by the Penang-based newspa-

per *Kwong Wah Yit Poh* in conjunction with its 115th anniversary.

Anwar said the gathering symbolises the resilience and cultural contribution of Chinese-language media in Malaysia.

He noted that since its founding in 1968, the World Chinese

Language Press Institute has been instrumental in upholding press freedom, strengthening professional standards and fostering collaboration among Chinese-language media worldwide.

Speaking on technological progress, - the Prime Minister observed that AI is rapidly transforming the media landscape, fundamentally changing how information is both created and shared.

"It offers opportunities to boost efficiency and reduce costs, while also requiring deeper reflection on ethics, responsibility and the evolving role of Chinese-language media in a rapidly changing technological landscape."

Anwar also highlighted the legacy of *Kwong Wah Yit Poh*, describing it as one of the world's oldest surviving Chinese newspapers, which has endured colonial rule, periods of conflict, the transition to self-governance and now the digital revolution.

He added that Malaysia is ready to enhance cooperation with Chinese-language media worldwide.

Such partnerships, he said, are important to strengthen regional information networks, foster deeper cultural understanding and contribute to a more enlightened global community.