

### Harmony in motion:

Anwar interacting with a young participant dressed very smartly in a sarong-themed outfit while walking the 3km route alongside participants of the Malaysia Sarong Music Run 2025.  
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## PM: Prioritise healthcare, safeguard peace

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reminded the people to always prioritise healthcare and safeguard the peace the nation currently enjoys.

Speaking at the flag-off ceremony for the Malaysia Sarong Music Run 2025 at the PETRONAS Twin Towers here, Anwar said the event was not only about promoting a healthy lifestyle but also about fostering a spirit of friendship among the people.

"The sarong has its own cultural significance and is well known

across the Malay archipelago.

"So, if you have a sarong, wear it; if not, it's fine. What matters is the spirit behind it.

"Let us pray for everyone's safety, for peace in this country, for the people's well-being, and for economic growth.

"Do not let anyone disrupt our national peace," he said before flagging off the run.

Also present were Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil, Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing, Deputy Youth and Sports Minister

Adam Adli Abdul Halim, and Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif.

Anwar, dressed in sports attire and a sarong sash, later took part in a 3km walk with participants.

In a statement, the Malaysia Sarong Music Run 2025 said the event had drawn 10,500 participants, and aimed to promote culture, heritage and an active lifestyle, reported Bernama.

The programme integrated cultural elements, which offered participants a deeper experience of Malaysia's traditions.

Key highlights of the event included the sarong as a symbol of unity and heritage, traditional games and heritage exhibitions, a showcase of heritage cuisine, and a platform for local talents.

The event was organised by the Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry in collaboration with Malaysia Marathon, while SCORE Sports Management served as the technical partner.

Locco, known for its Keretapi Sarong event, also played a role in ensuring the celebration was rich in cultural and heritage elements.