

Good governance behind govt's achievements

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim attributed the government's achievements during his two years in office to transparency, which saw the administration free from major scandals.

He said Malaysia was governed by the rule of law, and all decisions were made on good governance.

"For example, thanks to a transparent tender process, not a single major scandal happened in these two years (of the unity government's administration).

"For me, this is a bigger success," he said at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly assembly yesterday.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.

Anwar also called on civil servants to focus on their role in driving the economy, enhance performance and improve efficiency.

He said all civil servants, including young officers, should be given the opportunity to contribute their ideas during meetings. The chief secretary to the government and the Public Service Department director-general, he said, should develop a method to allow greater participation of all civil servants.

"We have 1.6 million civil servants. Give them a chance, in a year, two to three minutes for each person to speak," he said.

He also called for training for civil servants be expanded to all, especially younger officers, starting this year.

The focus, he said, should be on enhancing skills in areas like artificial intelligence, digital technologies and energy transition.

To support this vision, Anwar said the government was willing to provide additional allocations.

He said within the next one to two years, Malaysia could produce a new generation of civil servants who not only fully grasp the Madani aspirations, but also possessed enhanced skills.

"I want civil servants and the public service in this country to become a model of excellence among developing nations, especially in the Islamic world. This is just the beginning," he said.

Meanwhile, the prime minister said the cabinet's upcoming third retreat session will focus on identifying areas for improvement and addressing existing weaknesses in public administration.

He said the retreat was not merely an opportunity to document achievements, but should serve as a platform to identify areas for improvement and enhance the level of commitment at all levels of the administration.