



Prime Minister
Datuk Seri
Anwar Ibrahim
greeting people
during his visit
to Universiti
Teknologi
Mara's Dengkil
campus
yesterday.
BERNAMA PIC

'BUILD INTERNAL STRENGTH'

PM: Nation must focus on education, AI

DENGKIL: Malaysia must focus on critical areas such as education, skills development and artificial intelligence (AI) to avoid falling behind in the rapidly evolving global landscape, said the prime minister.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said in addition to empowering the people with knowledge and skills, he would work to strengthen Asean as part of a strategy to build the region's resilience in the face of the unpredictability of US policies.

"With the uncertain policies of the United States, we must build internal strength, which, to me, is urgent and fundamental.

"I am also focused on strength-

ening Asean as a force.

"So, if possible, let's explain clearly that in this challenging world, filled with competition and uncertainties, the people must be mobilised to master knowledge and skills, and have the spirit to elevate the dignity of the nation and its people."

Anwar said this during a visit to Universiti Teknologi Mara's Dengkil campus here yesterday.

Asked about the outcome of his recent visits to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Switzerland, he said the these countries were primarily focused on AI technology.

"One thing that struck me, glob-

ally, despite various political complexities, is the focus on economics, the advancement of knowledge, skills, and AI.

"We must encourage our people to focus on these areas, or we will fall behind," he added.

On another matter, Anwar hit out at critics, saying when his government addressed corruption and financial losses, there was a lack of support, and in some cases, there were even defenders of the wrongdoers.

He also said the government would not prevent the public from organising anti-corruption rallies, provided that they complied with Home Ministry regulations.