



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the MIP Planning Excellence Awards ceremony in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. BERNAMA PIC

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Cities must meet people's needs while incorporating modern architecture, says Anwar

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P RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called for a balanced approach to urban development, so that technological advancements can co-exist with inclusivity and sustainability. He said cities like Kuala Lumpur should not merely be defined by towering landmarks and cutting-edge architecture, but

must also address the people's needs.

"There should be no city or town that perpetuates the gap between the extremely wealthy and ordinary people. This is also one of our challenges.

"Cities should not only be known for their impressive skyscrapers and modern facilities, but also for their clean, organised spaces where hawkers and small businesses can thrive.

"This is the kind of comprehensive development we can truly be proud of," he said during the MIP Planning Excellence Awards ceremony here.

Present was Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Openg, who was awarded the MIP Honorary Fellow.

Anwar expressed confidence that the well-deserved honour reflected the premier's efforts and

significant role in shaping the development of Sarawak.

He also said that Malaysia's urban planning and city designs must reflect a unique and distinctive identity.

The uniqueness, he added, could set the country apart from cities like New York, London or Tokyo, while still incorporating advanced technological aspects.

"We often overlook the fact that a vibrant city must not only be technologically advanced and modern, but must also be culturally vibrant.

"By 'vibrant', I mean ensuring that the city's planning integrates its indigenous uniqueness and cultural heritage seamlessly.

"As for the Kuala Lumpur structural plan, I made it a priority to ensure significant amendments were made to maintain the city's unique identity."