



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Transport Minister Anthony Loke riding the Aerotrain at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport yesterday. NSTP PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

MESSAGE FOR IGP KHALID

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'NEW LEADERSHIP SHOULD ELEVATE FORCE'

Make it professional and trusted, without neglecting welfare of officers and veterans, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR

THE new police leadership should elevate the force into a professional, integrity-based and trusted security body, without neglecting the welfare of its officers, personnel and veterans.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he conveyed this message during a courtesy call from Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Khalid Ismail in Putrajaya on Monday.

"Among the issues raised during the meeting was modernising the force to meet current security challenges with the latest technology, including artificial intelligence," he said in a Facebook post on Monday.

He said the police, an important institution for the people and the country, required high determination and commitment to en-

sure that the country's peace and security was maintained.

"Good luck to Datuk Seri Mohd Khalid. May he be able to elevate the aspirations, image and reputation of the police to the highest level."

Khalid was appointed IGP for a period of two years from June 23 this year to June 22, 2027.

Meanwhile, during a walkabout at Kuala Lumpur International Airport Terminal 1 yesterday, Anwar praised the upgraded KLIA Aerotrain.

"Good, faster than before."

He arrived at Terminal 1 at 1pm, accompanied by Transport Minister Anthony Loke, Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB) managing director, Datuk Mohd Izani Ghani and senior MAHB officials.

Anwar took the Aerotrain from the Contact Pier to the Satellite Building, where he received a briefing on the system's upgrades under MAHB's Airport Regeneration Plan.

The fully modernised, driverless train service resumed full operations yesterday following a RM456 million upgrade under MAHB's RM742 million transformation initiative aimed at future-proofing KLIA as a premier regional aviation hub.

An iconic feature of KLIA since

its opening in 1998, the Aerotrain now features Alstom Innovia APM 300R trainsets.

Each three-car unit can accommodate up to 270 passengers and travel at up to 56kph, reducing travel time between the main terminal and the satellite terminal to under three minutes.

With advanced monitoring systems, the new trains are designed to minimise service disruptions, enhance operational efficiency and improve passenger comfort.

Izani said from January to June, the Land Public Transport Agency carried out rigorous testing and commissioning of the upgraded system, including extensive technical and safety assessments.

Terminal 1 currently records more than 100,000 passenger movements daily.

The Aerotrain remains a vital link, especially for international transit passengers connecting through the satellite terminal, which hosts most of the airport's long-haul carriers.

With operations now fully restored, MAHB said the upgraded Aerotrain would boost KLIA's readiness for growing passenger traffic ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026 and support its full recovery to pre-Covid-19 pandemic levels.