

# Learn to debate with respect, Anwar to MPs

**PUTRAJAYA:** Malaysian lawmakers must take a cue from the younger generation by debating respectfully and courteously, without resorting to insults or harsh language.

In his speech at the final round of the 50th Prime Minister's Cup Debate Championship 2025 here yesterday, Anwar said the students, aged between 15 and 17, were able to present facts and arguments with maturity, finesse and confidence.

"I am truly proud of the standard of debate and it made me

reflect, what is the harm for the members of parliament (MPs) to learn from this?

"If we want to debate, we must master the subject, digest it, develop arguments and deliver them well.

"These students have demonstrated an impressive level of debate and I salute them as debate is not just about eloquence, but also the ability to master content, analyse, absorb and articulate it.

"It is also closely linked to the effort of defending language

and culture firmly, yet politely, without insulting and I believe our MPs can learn from it," he said.

Anwar praised the younger generation for their strong command of the Malay language and their ability to debate with both knowledge and understanding.

He added that moral values must be an integral part of the national education system, as building a Madani nation could not rely solely on advancements in technology.