

# PM: Vertical schools a piece of the affordable living puzzle

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**BUTTERWORTH:** The integration of a vertical school concept within affordable housing projects for the people will address land constraints, boost safety and provide cost-saving measures for families, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said when a kindergarten or school is located within a housing project, safety issues are addressed because parents know the whereabouts of their children, and they also save on transportation costs.

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“This allows you to have greater peace of mind and concentrate on your work, whether you are employed in the public sector or the private sector,” he said during the groundbreaking ceremony for the nation’s largest affordable housing project under the Rumah Bakat Madani initiative, SkyWorld Pearlmont.

Anwar said SkyWorld Pearlmont, which will be the first to have a vertical school, would be used as an example for the rest to follow.

“From now on, developments should include a kindergarten and school in the building or in a building next to the development.

“I will have conditions for developments in Kuala Lumpur, and we will not approve if you cannot provide educational facilities,” he said.

He urged developers to come up with comprehensive development plans.

“We will approve it, and I urge developers in Kuala Lumpur to do this as well,” Anwar added.

A vertical school is a multi-storey educational building, often five to 15 storeys high, all designed specifically for densely populated urban areas with limited land.