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RM89.8bil in 1Q approved investments sign of 'resilient economy'

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MELAKA: Malaysia has approved investments amounting to RM89.8bil in the first quarter of this year, the largest amount for this time period since Merdeka, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said that this figure was a 3.7% increase compared to the same period last year, signalling strong investor confidence even as global supply chains and investments are being affected by tariffs imposed by the United States.

"This figure also demonstrates that our economy remains resilient and competitive despite global turbulence and economic uncertainty, including the imposition of tariffs by the United States," he said during his keynote address at the 2025 National TVET Day celebration held at the Melaka International Trade Centre (MITC) in Ayer Keroh yesterday.

Anwar also revealed that a major US-based chip manufacturer had recently expressed interest in investing RM10bil in Malaysia.

"In principle, we have agreed to the proposal, but we have asked the American company to hold until July 9 when President Trump is expected to finalise the new tariff rates," he said.

"However, the investors indicated they are still keen to proceed, confident that Malaysia will



Engaging the youth: Anwar greeting students at the 2025 National TVET Day celebration in MITC, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. — Bernama

not be significantly affected by the tariffs."

Anwar said that the company had requested expedited approval to begin operations in the country.

"Beyond political stability, foreign investors have also been

impressed by the professionalism and discipline of our local workforce.

"This sentiment was echoed in a recent meeting with Google, where they acknowledged that Malaysia's talent pool is among the best in Asia in terms of disci-

pline and skill," he added.

Anwar said the recent development also reinforces the fact that the government's clear policies, along with political stability, continue to position Malaysia as an attractive destination for global investment.