

No more imported food at govt events

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PUTRAJAYA: The Prime Minister has directed all government departments to cease using imported goods, particularly at official events, in a bid to promote local products.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said using local produce will not only bolster the local economy, but will also open wider opportunities for local farmers to market their goods.

“If every government department follows this directive, it will create more opportunities for our farmers to supply local food ingredients,” he said at the Finance Ministry monthly assembly.

He cited neighbouring countries as examples, noting their firm commitment to using local food products at all official functions.

“In Laos, Vietnam and Thailand, I’ve never been served imported food at any government-hosted official event.

“It’s automatic for them to ensure only local food is served,” he said, Bernama reported.

On the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Prime Minister said while it is an efficient and transparent taxation system, it is not yet suitable for re-implementation because the rakyat’s income threshold is still low.

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