

Riding the semiconductor surge

PM: Youth must be at forefront as tech giants ramp up investments

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JOHOR BARU: Youth must fully seize opportunities arising from the rapid growth of the semiconductor industry, which is now attracting the attention of major global corporations, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said Malaysia has emerged as a key semiconductor hub in the region, not only in the lower segments of the supply chain but also as a preferred destination for top-tier foreign investors.

He pointed to the latest success in drawing investments from three corporate giants - Infineon in Kedah, Nvidia in Johor and MaiStorage in Cyberjaya.

"These are not lower- or back-end jobs being done here. This will help propel the country to be great in this region.

"Our young people must take full advantage of this momentum to benefit from these developments and help elevate Malaysia as a leading nation in the region," he said when launching a Madani Rakyat youth event yesterday.

Anwar said the nation's youths, particularly those involved in engineering, information technol-



Making it official: Anwar signing a commemorative plaque during the launch of a Madani Rakyat youth event in Johor Baru. — Bernama

ogy, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), must capitalise on the positive momentum in the semiconductor industry.

He revealed that Malaysia is among only five countries capa-

ble of producing chips developed by MaiStorage, a significant achievement shared with advanced economies such as the United States, China and Taiwan.

"This milestone would not have

been possible without the dedication of our young talent. Students pursuing engineering and TVET must continue working hard to enhance the nation's capabilities," he said.

The Prime Minister said the

country would continue to prosper only when it remains stable, adding that disunity could weaken the country and progress could be undermined if divisions are allowed to fester.

He urged the youth to stand united and reject any form of hatred and leaders who only want to enrich themselves.

"What is the meaning of development if we have traits like violence, greed and hatred for each other?" he asked.

Anwar also said that nation-building efforts should not be limited to physical development alone, but must also focus on nurturing individuals who embody strong humanitarian values.

He said the concept of Malaysia Madani calls upon the people, especially youths, to grasp the true meaning of human development, which encompasses noble traits such as compassion, moderation and mutual understanding among different races and religions.

"We want to develop individuals who possess certain elements, characteristics, values and capabilities. Youths must set a good example of how this nation can be united," he added.