

Anwar calls for bold education reforms

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has emphasised the need for bold and comprehensive reforms in developing Malaysia's new education strategy ahead of the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP).

Anwar, in a post on his Facebook page, said existing policies must be reviewed and refreshed to ensure every ringgit invested through 13MP yields a more equitable, forward-looking and sustainable education system to secure a more prosperous and harmonious future for the country.

Earlier, Anwar received a courtesy call from Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek and the ministry's top management to discuss new strategies and direction for education.

"Among the issues discussed were preschool education, teacher training and skills enhancement at teacher education institutes, the implementation of continuous professional development as a means to empower educators, and strengthening science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects to boost future competitiveness," he said.

"Also discussed were Form Six and matriculation studies, student dropout issues, teaching permits in both the public and private sectors and the need to reorganise the National Education Master Plan to better align with current needs.

"The world is changing rapidly and we cannot afford to be complacent, trapped in past nostalgia or shackled by outdated plans that may no longer be relevant," he added.

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