

PM: Faster project approvals to boost economic momentum

SEMENYIH: Approvals for projects that support national economic growth and strengthen investor confidence will be expedited if they comply with stipulated regulations and procedures, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said unnecessary delays in the approval process must be avoided, as they could undermine the nation's development momentum and economic growth.

"If all regulations and procedures are complied with and the project can be approved in two months, then it should be approved in two months.

"There is no reason for delays. This is a new Malaysia, a Malaysia that aims for stronger growth. We cannot afford to stall," he said when launching the Semenyih public infrastructure development yesterday.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said efficient governance and swift approvals are cru-

cial in ensuring development projects are implemented on schedule to bring direct benefits to the rakyat.

Anwar stressed that even small-scale projects must be given serious attention and should not be delayed, as they have a direct impact on the well-being of the rakyat.

"Small projects such as minor roads or the construction of surau are often seen as insignificant. But to me, these are major projects.

"If they need to be completed, they should be done immediately," he said.

Anwar also said the country's economic performance is currently at a healthy level, citing strong regional growth, a strengthening ringgit, and the highest investment figures in the nation's history as examples.

"Looking at the latest figures, our economic performance is good.



For a better, brighter future: Anwar (centre) launching the Semenyih public infrastructure development with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Hannah Yeoh (second from right) and Amirudin (second from left). With them are Nirvana Asia Group founder and executive chairman Tan Sri Kong Hon Kong (left) and KHK Group deputy chairman Datuk Zainol Abidin Mohamed.

"Our growth is among the most encouraging in the region," he said, adding that such achievements are crucial in boosting public and investor confidence in the nation's economic fundamentals.

Anwar assured that all Malaysians, regardless of race and belief, would benefit from the nation's development.

"We want everyone in Malaysia, irrespective of race or creed, to feel that they are part of this great

country. Together, they can build a new Malaysia, and that is precisely our aim," he said.

Meanwhile, Anwar assured that Malay reserve land involved in the Semenyih Bypass Project, including the construction of Islamic public burial plots in Hulu Langat, Selangor, will be replaced.

He said this was also the assurance given by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

The 4.3km Semenyih Bypass

Project, which will connect Jalan Sungai Lalang and the Kajang Dispersal Link Expressway (SILK Highway), will not only ease local traffic congestion but also reduce travel time to Kuala Lumpur from 45 minutes to just 20 minutes.