

**Free Education Federal Government's Responsibility, Says Anwar
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SHAH ALAM, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has justified the Selangor government's decision not to provide free education by saying that it is the federal government's responsibility in spite of recording a surplus of RM2.5 billion.

Despite acknowledging that the country is managing a deficit, he said free education could be implemented by the federal government which earned a revenue of almost RM150 billion annually from oil palm and petroleum.

Anwar, who is also Selangor economic adviser, said this in his speech entitled "Free Education in Malaysia a Reality" at an international education convention organised by Unisel and state government here Tuesday.

The Selangor government has two universities, namely Universiti Selangor (Unisel), which has a campus here and another in Bestari Jaya, and the Selangor International Islamic University College (Kuis) in Bangi.

Commenting on a Chinese newspaper report that a Chinese New Year celebration organised by the Kulim branch of the Parti Keadilan Rakyat on Feb 2 was marred by an erotic dance, he said if the report was true, action would be taken against those responsible.

When asked further, he retorted, "I don't know what kind of action will be taken, but if they merely ronggeng (Malay social dance) a little, what is there to punish."

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