

PM: Holistic education key

Youths must possess good character and social awareness

KUANTAN: Holistic education, combined with strong moral grounding and human values, is a crucial foundation to shaping the country's future generation, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said in an increasingly challenging world driven by technological advancements such as artificial intelligence (AI), youths must not only excel academically but also possess good character and a strong sense of social awareness.

“What is the meaning of AI if humanity is eroded. We want to uplift human dignity. That's why I say morals, culture and good relations among one another are important.

“We must get rid of feelings of hatred and contempt towards each other,” he said at the “Anak Pahang” gathering, which was also attended by Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail.

He called on youth to reject voices that undermine confidence, oppose the truth and harbour hatred towards races.

On another matter, Anwar said that AI-based learning facilities will be rolled out soon at selected pilot institutions across the country.

This will be a joint collaboration between Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and Islamic Development

Department Malaysia (Jakim).

The Prime Minister said the initiative will be implemented at higher education and Islamic institutions in Kedah, Kelantan, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Penang, benefitting about 3,000 students.

“All students should be given greater exposure to AI, including those in higher education and Islamic institutions.”

Anwar said the initiative will equip students with greater exposure to AI technology while fostering critical thinking and digital innovation.

Education, he said, should go beyond obtaining certificates or degrees and instead focus on

developing individuals who can think rationally and evaluate information wisely.

“The country can only become truly great when its students and youth commit to hard work, discipline, mutual respect and sound judgment,” he said, Bernama reported.

At the event, the Prime Minister witnessed the presentation of a RM1mil contribution from YTL Foundation for B40 students in the Kuantan and Indera Mahkota parliamentary constituencies.

He also witnessed the handover of a RM1mil community sports fund from the Youth and Sports Ministry to the state youth and sports department.