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## Partake in TVET

**P**UTRAIAYA: In a bid to intensify technical and vocational education and training (TVET), Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has suggested that the private sector and government-linked companies (GLC) step up their involvement and cooperation in such efforts.

He said this was important to meet the needs of industries and resolve problems such as mismatch between training provided and industry requirements as well as unsatisfactory facilities.

"I have proposed that immediate measures be taken. We have studies and committees to ensure that our children are trained for jobs that provide a reasonable income," he told a press conference after chairing the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Anwar said for example, Petronas could use its expertise to manage the TVET centre in Pengerang, Johor, to cater to the needs of Petronas, and DRB-Hicom in Pekan, Pahang, in the automobile sector while the Sunway and Berjaya groups could provide training in hotel and tourism, and general services.

Apart from this, groups from the business conglomerate owned by Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Albukhary could also participate in TVET or training institutions, he added.

Anwar said the Cabinet committee on TVET would take additional steps, including identifying private companies which could aid government efforts, Bernama reported.

"This is a major decision and we have called for immediate action, apart from explaining this in the budget (revised Budget 2023) on Feb 24," said Anwar, who is also finance minister.

He said based on last year's budget, the allocation for TVET was RM6.7 billion, covering various ministries, departments, agencies and 500 public skills training institutes with a total enrolment of about 250,000 trainees.

He said efforts to strengthen TVET also involved various ministries and departments, including the Higher Education Ministry, Education Ministry, Rural and Regional Development



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➤ Anwar calls for greater private sector, GLC participation

Ministry, Youth and Sports Ministry, Human Resources Ministry and Giatmara.

On a separate matter, Anwar said Malaysia condemns in the strongest possible terms the relentless and ferocious suppression campaign by Israel against the Palestinians, especially against detainees from Jenin in the West Bank.

In a statement yesterday, he stressed that it includes suppression in several Israeli occupation prisons as well as collective punishment and reprisals.

"Malaysia calls on all right-minded world leaders and free peoples to categorically denounce the outright killings of the Palestinian peoples committed by the

authorities of Israel."

Anwar said Malaysia also calls upon the international community to hold the Israeli regime to account for the crimes, and demands the regime immediately cease further acts of cruelty and barbarism.

He also said Malaysia expresses sympathy, condolences and prayers to the families of the scores of

Palestinians killed and wounded on account of the unmitigated aggression of Israeli forces during the recent raids on a Jenin refugee camp.

He stressed that Malaysia continues to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine, and reaffirms its unwavering support for the Palestinians and their cause to achieve freedom from the illegal Israeli occupation, and realise their aspirations for an independent and sovereign state of Palestine based on pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as the capital.