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Good Governance Is A Strategic Asset To Attract Investments, Progress - PM Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Good governance must be seen as a strategic asset and an anchor of credibility in the financial market, which in turn is the magnet for investments, and the guarantee that progress will be shared fairly, Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today.

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PM: Good governance spurs economic growth

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KUALA LUMPUR: Good governance must be recognised as a strategic asset that underpins market credibility, attracts invest-ment and ensures equitable pro-

gress, says the Prime Minister. Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said this was crucial and aligned with the principles guiding the Federal Government's reform agenda.

"We must see governance not as a burden but as a strategic asset, the anchor of credibility in our markets, a magnet for investment and the guarantee that progress will be shared fairly," he said in a keynote address at the Asian Confederation of Institutes

of Internal Auditors (Aciia)
Conference 2025 here yesterday.
With more than 1,500 audit professionals from 26 countries in attendance, the Aciia Conference 2025 is the largest internal audit event in Asia.

Anwar said the government also set up a Serious Irregularities Committee to deal swiftly with critical breaches, to hold offenders to account and to protect public funds.

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"This 'follow the public money approach helps to curb leakages and corruption. It also ensures that every ringgit of the national budget is spent for its intended purposes," he said. Anwar added that good govern-

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the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP). the government's latest five-year economic strategy leading up to

"Alongside policies to lift eco-nomic ambition and strengthen social protection, the 13MP makes clear that reforming the public

service is essential," he added. Anwar reminded everyone that the government could not achieve good governance without the help of the private sector and pro-fessional bodies.

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Good governance safeguard for financial market, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Good governance must be recognised as a strategic asset and a pillar of credibility in the financial market, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said good governance is a magnet for investments and a safeguard to ensure that progress is shared fairly.

Anwar added that it is in this spirit that the Madani government has pursued wide-ranging reforms, including strengthening the mandate of the National Audit Department, led by the Auditor-General, through the first amendment to the Audit Act in 33 years.

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He was speaking at the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors Conference 2025.

Anwar said the government also set up a serious irregularities committee to act swiftly on critical breaches, holding offenders accountable and protecting public funds.

He said since 2024, follow-up audits had already recovered and safeguarded RM159 million.

He added that new auditing guidelines extend the National Audit Department's oversight to any entity receiving public funds.

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Anwar said good governance is a central pillar of the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP) 2026–2030.

He added that alongside policies to boost the economy and strengthen social protection, the 13MP makes clear that reforming the public service is crucial.

He said the government could not achieve good governance by itself, and the support of the private sector and professional bodies is also vital.

Anwar commended the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia for launching the Statement of Risk Management and Internal Control Guide 2025 with Bursa Malaysia, describing it as an important step.

He said the guide provides firms with a blueprint to embed risk awareness, boost investor confidence and prepare for environmental, social, governance and other emerging risks.

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Auditor-General: Audit responses vetted before being uploaded to dashboard

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KUALA LUMPUR: Audit responses are vetted for authenticity before being uploaded to the Al powered, real-time Auditor General Dashboard, said Auditor-General Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi.

Wan Suraya said she personally chairs the Audit Committee, which reviews the feedback responses and ensures they are genuine before being posted on the Auditor General Dashboard.

"We are leveraging data analytics and visualisation tools, sharpening our risk intelligence and embracing advanced technologies such as Aldriven anomaly detection and robotic process automation...to anticipate risks before they escalate and implode," she said in her speech at the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors Conference 2025

yesterday. Wan Suraya encouraged visitors to access the Auditor General Dashboard, which is open to the public and

available online.
"It tracks audit recommendations in real time, making follow-up audits and monitoring more systematic and transparent," she said.

She added that the real innovation lies in integrating the Dashboard with internal audit coordination, creating a centralised tool for monitoring both external and internal audit activities.

"It acts as a single source of truth, allowing us to unify our efforts and prevent redundant work. This is evolving work that we are doing," she said. Wan Suraya stressed that most

importantly, the system enables the early detection of risk, as real-time data allows anomalies and emerging issues to be spotted long before they escalate into major problems.

"This proactive capability is something we simply could not have achieved with a traditional audit model," she said.

Furthermore, Wan Suraya said government-linked companies (GLCs) will no longer be able to hide behind delayed reporting, with 1,856 entities now subject to real-time audit checks under the National Audit Department's (NAD) digitalisation drive.

The Auditor-General noted that the NAD's e-Self Audit Tools, developed under its Service Digitalisation Project, allow real-time checks across all GLCs.
"One of the main elements that we

have introduced is what we call serious irregularities. This has caused a lot of conversation, but the e-Self

Audit Tools allows us to detect such irregularities in real time."
Wan Suraya said the new "serious irregularities" category has stirred debate and discussion among policymakers, auditors, and GLCs.

"But the e-Self Audit Tools allows us to detect such irregularities in real time," she said.

Wan Suraya emphasised that repeated weaknesses flagged across successive audits are a warning sign that governance culture within organisations must improve.

"If the same weakness appears in successive audits, and I usually look at those that have been certified three years in a row, it signals that the governance culture within the or-ganisation needs strengthening," she said.

Wan Suraya also shared that Malaysia will chair the first Asean working group on follow-up audits, a regional effort to strengthen crossborder governance and accounta-

She said that such cross-border engagement not only enables Malaysia to share its reform initiatives and best practices with the global audit community, but also allows the nation to benefit from international

innovations and governance.
"The National Audit Department assumes an active role in international audit cooperation, particularly through platforms such as Asean-SAI and InterSAI, where Malaysia, where I currently chair, a new working group on follow-up audit, which is the first ever working group of which Malaysia



Wan Suraya speaking at the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors Conference 2025

has been nominated to chair, which is on follow-up audit, a new area of which there is a lot of development," she said.







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Kuala Lumpui

adbir urus yang baik harus dilih hat sebagai aset strategik, ia adalah tonggak kredibiliti dalam pasaran kewangan seterusnya menjadi daya tarikan untuk pelaburan dan memberi jaminan bahawa kemajuan akan dikongsi secara adil," kata Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Amwar Ibrahim.

"Dalam semangat yang sama, Kerajaan Madani sudah melaksanakan pembaharuan untuk Malaysia," kata Anwar.

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Ketua Audit Negara menerusi pindaan pertama Akta Audit 1957 (Akta 62) dalam tempoh 33 tahun.
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"Ia mungkin bukan pembaharuan glamor, tetapi ia adalah sesuatu yang penting," katanya ketika menyampaikan ucap-

Kredibiliti dalam pasaran kewangan

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(JTKS) untuk menangani isu pelanggaran kritikal dengan pantas, memastikan pesalah bertanggungjawab dan melindungi dana awam

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"Sejak tahun lalu, audit susulan sudah mengutip semula sebanyak RM159 juta" katanya.

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"Garis panduan
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a Jabatan Audit Negara kepada mana-mana entiti
yang menerima dana awam," kata
Anwar yang juga Menteri Kewangan.

Beliau berkata, pendekatan follow-the-public-money itu membantu membendung ketirisan dan rasuah.

"Ia memastikan setiap ringgit dalam belanjawan negara dibelanjakan untuk tujuan yang dimaksudkan," katanya. Justeru, tadbir urus yang

Justeru, tadbir urus yang baik adalah tonggak utama dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13 (RMK-13) 2026-2030.

"Selain dasar untuk mendukung cita-cita ekonomi dan mengukuhkan perlindungan sosial, RMK-13 juga menunjukkan bahawa pembaharuan dalam perkhidmatan awam adalah penting," kata Perdana Menteri.

Katanya, kerajaan tidak boleh mencapai tadbir urus bersendirian, ia turut memerlukan sokongan sektor swasta dan badan profesional.

Sehubungan itu, beliau memuji Institut Juruaudit Dalaman Malaysia (IIA Malaysia) kerana melancarkan Panduan Kenyataan Pengurusan Risiko dan Kawalan Dalaman (SORMIC) 2025 bersama Bursa Malaysia, melihatnya sebagai langkah penting.

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"Di samping itu, ia juga menyediakan syarikat pelan tindakan untuk menerapkan kesedaran risiko, mengukuhkan keyakinan pelabur dan membuat persediaan untuk alam sekitar, sosial dan tadbir urus (ESG) serta risiko lain yang muncul, katanya.

"Tanggungjawab di hadapan kita adalah besar, bagaimanapun peluang juga luas untuk membina institusi yang mendapat kepercayaan di peringkat tempatan, mendapat penghormatan di luar negara dan mewariskan legasi integriti kepada generasi akan datang," katanya. -Bernama









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SINCE 2024

Govt recovered RM159m via follow-up audits

KUALA LUMPUR: The government has recovered and safeguarded RM159 million through follow-up audits since last year, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

He said the recovery was part of broader reforms aimed at boosting governance and restoring public confidence in institutions, with auditors playing a central role in ensuring transparency and protecting public funds.

"To deal swiftly with critical breaches, we established a Serious Irregularities Committee.

"It did not make front-page news, but it goes to the heart of the matter: holding offenders accountable and protecting national resources," he said at the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors Conference 2025.

Anwar added that the National Audit Department's mandate had also been strengthened through the first amendment to the Audit Act in 33 years — a reform he described as "essential, though not glamorous".

With the theme "Internal Audit in a Polycrisis Era: Adapting, Assuring and Advancing", the conference brought together nearly 1,500 governance professionals from 26 countries. Present was Auditor General Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi.

Anwar said that four new auditing guidelines were introduced earlier this year, extending the department's authority to any entity receiving public funds.

This "follow-the-public-money" approach, he said, was critical in curbing leakages and corruption while ensuring every ringgit of the national budget was spent as intended.

"Good governance is also a central pillar of the 13th Malaysia Plan, our latest five-year economic strategy towards 2030.

"Alongside policies to lift economic ambition and strengthen social protection, the plan makes clear that reforming the public service is essential."

Anwar also said that good governance could not be achieved by the government alone, stressing the importance of cooperation from the private sector and professional bodies.

He said integrity and account ability must remain at the heart of governance as even the strongest economies could falter if corruption and leakages go unchecked. He added that robust audit and internal audit systems were essential to curb excesses, strengthen transparency and safeguard the national administration from governance failures.

"The need for audits and internal audits in any system of national administration is crucial if we are serious about addressing major challenges of leakages, excesses, corruption and governance-related issues.

"As (Datuk Seri) Wan Suraya knows, I have given the broadest possible mandate for government machinery to be monitored, supervised and held accountable.

"This requires full cooperation from Bursa Malaysia, the Securities Commission and private companies," he said.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said governance should not be seen as a burden but as a strategic asset — the anchor of credibility in markets, a magnet for investments and a guarantee that progress would be shared fairly.

He said good governance was also central to ensuring the effectiveness of the 13th Malaysia Plan, which was tabled in Parliament recently.







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Kebertanggungjawaban, integriti tonggak kerajaan bebas rasuah

Kerajaan komited laksana pelbagai reformasi jadikan negara lebih berdaya saing

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gungjawaban dan integriti perlu kekal sebagai tonggak utama kepada sebuah kerajaan jika be-nar-benar mahu memastikan negara bebas daripada penyelewe

ngan serta rasuah, kata Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.
Berpegang kepada prinsip itu,

Perdana Menteri berkata, Kera-jaan MADANI yang diterajuinya melaksanakan pelbagai reforma-si yang berani, dengan matlamat membawa Malaysia mencapai negara berstatus berpendapatan tinggi dan membina antara satu ekonomi yang paling berdaya saing di dunia.

Beliau berkata, pelaksanaan audit dan audit dalaman adalah keperluan utama dalam pentadbiran dan ia perlu dilaksanakan dengan berkesan untuk mena-ngani masalah seperti ketirisan, keterlanjuran, rasuah dan isu berkaitan tatakelola.

"Justeru, saya memberikan ru-

ang seluas mungkin kepada Jabatan Audit Negara supaya jen-tera kerajaan diawasi, dipantau dari dekat dan ini harus men-dapatkan kerjasama sepenuhnya dengan Bursa Malaysia, Suru-hanjaya Sekuriti (SC) dan sya-rikat swasta.

"Kita bicara mengenai perlunya kita pacu pertumbuhan te-tapi dalam mana-mana negara, dengan kekuatan ekonomi, tidak mungkin dapat menyelesaikan masalah jika dibiarkan dengan keterlanjuran dari segi ketirisan dan rasuah serta penyelewengan yang terus berlaku," katanya. Beliau berkata demikian keti-

ka menyampaikan ucaptama pada Persidangan Konfederasi Asia Institut Juruaudit Dalaman (ACIIA) 2025, di sini semalam

Persidangan Konfederasi ACI-IA 2025, yang dianjurkan semula di Malaysia selepas tujuh tahun, dihadiri hampir 1,500 profesional tadbir urus dari 26 negara.

Yang turut hadir, Ketua Audit Negara, Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi; Presiden ACI-IA, Manoj Agarwal dan Presiden Institut Juruaudit Dalaman (IIA) Malaysia, Suhailah Mohamed Abdulla.

Tiada integriti punca ketirisan Perdana Menteri berkata, bebe-rapa kes berprofil tinggi seperti 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) adalah antara contoh ba-gaimana penyelewengan boleh berlaku dengan pembabitan ju-

ruaudit, juruaudit dalaman dan institusi kewangan antarabang-

Katanya, jenayah seumpama itu berlaku disebabkan kurangnya sikap integriti dan bersu-

hya sikap megriti dan bersu-bahat dengan penyelewengan, hanya kerana rasa tamak. "Justeru, kita perlu mema-hami apakah yang dimaksudkan dengan pengawasan sistem. Ke-perluan untuk bertindak dengan penuh ketelusan, kebertang gungjawab dan kepercayaan ada lah sangat penting.

"Ini adalah asas yang membo-lehkan sesebuah institusi kekal utuh, terutama apabila berdepan ujian. Isu semak dan imbang bu-kan satu pilihan tetapi keper-luan," katanya.







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Alongside policies to lift economic ambition and to strengthen social protection, the 13MP makes clear that reforming the public service is essential, said the Prime Minister.

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Pemodenan audit kesan ketidakpatuhan lebih awal

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia sedang menerajui pemodenan dalam pelaksanaan audit bagi membolehkan sebarang risiko dan kejanggalan dalam tatakelola organisasi dapat dikesan lebih awal sebelum ia menjadi masalah lebih besar.

Ketua Audit Negara, Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi, berkata antara reformasi berteraskan inovasi digital yang dilaksanakan, termasuk Sistem e-SelfAudit yang menggalakkan ketelusan dan kebertanggungjawaban dalam entiti kerajaan dan Mekanisme Ketidakteraturan Serius bagi pengesanan awal serta tindakan pantas terhadap seba-

rang ketidakpatuhan.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, Sistem Papan Pemuka Ketua Audit Negara (AGD) memastikan pemantauan masa nyata dan kebertanggungjawaban awam serta kecerdasan buatan (AI) dan analisis data raya yang mampu meningkatkan ketepatan, kepantasan dan impak audit.

"Ini adalah usaha yang sedang berkembang dan paling penting, membolehkan pengesanan awal terhadap risiko. Berdasarkan data masa nyata, kita dapat mengesan kejanggalan dan isu yang mula muncul jauh lebih awal sebelum ia berkembang menjadi masalah besar. "Keupayaan proaktif ini adalah sesuatu yang tidak mungkin dapat dicapai melalui model audit tradisional," katanya ketika menyampaikan ucaptama pada Persidangan Konfederasi Asia Institut Juruaudit Dalaman (ACIIA) 2025, di sini semalam.

Wan Suraya berkata, melalui AGD, Jabatan Audit Negara (JAN) dapat memantau kemajuan pelaksanaan syor audit secara masa nyata, berbanding hanya bergantung kepada pemantauan secara manual dan laporan berasingan sebelum ini.

Belia berkata, ia sekali gus dapat menepis tanggapan bahawa isu yang dibangkitkan dalam Laporan Ketua Audit Negara (LKAN) tidak diberi perhatian atau JAN hanyalah sebuah organisasi yang tidak mempunyai kuasa.

"Jika kelemahan sama terus berulang dan saya sendiri sering melihat kepada organisasi yang dikesan selama tiga tahun berturut-turut, ini menunjukkan budaya tatakelola dalam organisasi itu perlu diperkukuh," katanya.

Beliau juga menggesa juruaudit dan juruaudit dalaman supaya memantapkan lagi mekanisme susulan terhadap audit yang dibuat serta menetapkan petunjuk prestasi utama (KPI) dan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang boleh diukur yang mampu menunjukkan pengurangan ketara dalam penemuan ketidakpatuhan berulang dari semasa ke semasa.

"Budaya tatakelola yang proaktif dibina atas kepercayaan bersama bahawa pengesanan awal dan penambahbaikan berterusan adalah keutamaan organisasi, bukan sekadar memenuhi keperluan pematuhan.

"Dalam pelaksanaan bajet, perolehan atau penyampaian dasar, rakyat mesti diyakinkan bahawa sumber awam diurus secara telus dan dengan tujuan yang jelas," katanya.







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Anwar delivers his speech at the ACIIA Conference 2025, themed Internal Audit in Polycrisis Era: Adapting, As

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PREMIER PRESENCE ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim officiates at the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors Conference 2025 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, flanked by Auditor-General Datuk Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi (left) and Institute of Internal Auditors president Suhailah Mohamed Abdulla. – **ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN**



