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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the Bumiputera Economic Congress 2024, scheduled to take place from Feb 29 to March 2, will be more inclusive.

He said the congress is expected to see the cooperation and joint participation of the Chinese and Indian communities to help tackle the problem of poverty as well as discuss issues related to the Bumiputera economy.

Anwar officiated at the pre-

launch ceremony of the congress yesterday. He said he would also invite

chamber representing the Malay, Chinese and Indian communities next week to provide their views and inputs so that the congress is not considered exclusive.

"It (congress) still emphasises the problems faced by Bumiputeras but the coordinated approach of the Madani government should be more inclusive." Anwar said an inclusive approach means talking about the Bumiputera economy but at the same time there are issues faced by small and medium enterprises or poor Indians that we will deal with together.

He was speaking at the 2024 Chinese New Year celebration organised by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia here yesterday.

Anwar also gave his assurance

that the government would continue with the programme to eradicate poverty regardless of race.

He confirmed that extreme poverty in three areas, namely Kuala Lumpur, Malacca and Negeri Sembilan had been eradicated

"When we talk about Bumiputera poverty, if there is a certain group, (for example) poor Chinese or Indians in estates, we must deal with it and solve it as a national programme." – Bernama



Anwar speaking at the event in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMAPIC

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