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**Company set to open new data centre campuses in Selangor and Negeri Sembilan, boost electricity supply, water security and environmental sustainability, says Anwar**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Google has agreed to the environmental conditions set for its US$15 billion (RM61 billion) investment in Malaysia as the company grows its data centre footprint in the country, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the investment announced by Google for 2027 and 2028 is for new data centre campuses in Selangor and Negeri Sembilan as well as for strengthening electricity supply, water security and environmental sustainability.

He was speaking after officiating at the Mantap Malaysia Bersama AI event at Universiti Malaya yesterday.

In his speech earlier, Anwar stressed that large-scale digital investments must be accompanied by responsible management of energy and natural resources.

"Modern digital infrastructure demands massive resources. And the test of a responsible investor is whether it leaves the host nation stronger and more resilient than ever."

Anwar highlighted Google's collaboration with Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) to develop more than one gigawatt of additional clean energy capacity for the national grid while bearing its own electricity costs.

"By partnering with TNB to add more than one gigawatt of clean energy capacity to our national grid and paying fully for its own power without public subsidy, it actively accelerates Malaysia's national energy transition."

On water security, Anwar welcomed Google's planned off-river storage reservoir and treatment plant in Negeri Sembilan.

"This investment in water stewardship is designed to deliver 65 million litres of potable water daily, mitigate flood risks during the monsoon, secure reserves during the dry season and expand access to free drinking water for the community.

"And upon completion, ownership will be handed over directly to the state government as a permanent public asset."

Beyond environmental safeguards, Anwar said foreign investments must create lasting economic opportunities through skilled employment and greater participation by domestic companies.

He cited Google's collaboration with more than 80 Malaysian entities across civil engineering, power systems, network infrastructure and logistics.

"This is not out of obligation but because Malaysian companies are competent, disciplined and competitive on world-class terms.

"This partnership proves that when foreign capital meets homegrown capability, our local firms do not just participate. They sharpen their edge and prepare to compete globally."

Alphabet and Google president and chief investment officer Ruth Porat said the company's expansion would follow its "bring your own power" approach, involving additional electricity generation capacity alongside its growing infrastructure requirements.

"Our approach is to invest, to add energy capacity in Malaysia and accelerate the country's clean energy transition alongside the growth of the digital economy."

She said Google's collaboration with TNB would also explore round-the-clock clean energy solutions to strengthen electricity reliability.

"This collaboration will also explore pioneering round-the-clock clean energy projects to ensure reliable power even when the sun isn't shining."

Porat said the investment is expected to support more than 37,000 local jobs annually during construction in 2027 and 2028.

Once operational, the data centres are projected to sustain more than 9,000 jobs annually, including indirect employment, with average wages 45% above the national median. According to Google's announcement, its first Malaysian data centre at Elmina Business Park in Selangor is already operational.

The company also plans water replenishment projects, community electricity affordability initiatives and four programmes aimed at upskilling 800,000 Malaysians by 2031.

Also present at the event were Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo, Communications Minister Datuk Seri Fahmi Fadzil, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir, Investment, Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Sim Tze Tzin and Google Cloud Malaysia country manager Hannah Raja.

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