

M'sia to enhance ties with Russia, invites Putin to 2025 Asean Summit

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While agreeing that the true potential of Malaysia-Russia relations has not been fully utilised, Malaysia is committed to enhancing its collaboration in all fields with Russia, said Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

“I would certainly look forward to having better relations, personal and governmental collaboration, in all fields with Russia,” he said during a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Vladivostok today.

Anwar is on a two-day visit to Russia to attend the Ninth Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) and is scheduled to address the plenary session of the EEF tomorrow.

During the meeting, Anwar also assured Putin that, as Asean chairperson next year, he will strive to boost the regional grouping's collaboration with Russia in all fields.

“As you know, Asean is always engaged with Russia, and we have open trade

focusing on semiconductors, or on some of the related fields.

“Of course, we in Asean, are looking forward to your participation in Asean Summit 2025,” he said.

Anwar also acknowledged Russia’s enormous potential, saying that as the largest country in the world, Russia had shown its determination to undertake various difficulties and survive.

“If you could share this in our collaboration... we will certainly benefit from this experience,” he said.

During the meeting, Anwar also took the opportunity to thank Putin personally for meeting him despite his busy schedule.

“We would, of course, look forward to having effective programmes to follow up, so that the discussions (today) will not end here. I look forward to working with you and your team,” he added.

Also present at the bilateral meeting were Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan; Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz; Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari; Deputy Economy Minister Hanifah Hajar Taib; Deputy Agriculture and Food Security Minister Arthur Joseph Kurup and senior

government officials.

This is Anwar's first visit to Russia, and his first meeting with the Russian president since assuming office in November 2022.

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