

## **Anwar, Xi witness exchange of MOUs to advance M'sia-China ties**

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Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and China's President Xi Jinping today witnessed the exchange of 31 memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and documents covering various sectors of cooperation between the two countries.

The ceremony was held at the Seri Perdana Complex in Putrajaya this afternoon in conjunction with Xi's three-day state visit to Malaysia beginning yesterday.

Among the highlights was an MOU between the government and China's Xinhua News Agency in the field of news and information.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil and Chinese ambassador to Malaysia Ouyang Yujing represented Malaysia and China, respectively, in exchanging the document.

Through this MOU, national public broadcaster RTM and Xinhua will collaborate on joint media activities, especially news exchange and co-production of programmes and documentaries to showcase the respective countries'

uniqueness and foster deeper mutual understanding.

Also exchanged were the MOU between National Film Development Corporation Malaysia (Finas) and China Media Group (CMG), two supplementary MOUs to amend the one between the government and CMG on cooperation in media, and one between CMG and Bernama.

Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi exchanged a MOU between China's and the Malaysian government on jointly promoting cooperation on the Global Security Initiative.

Both foreign ministers also exchanged an MOU between China International Development Cooperation Agency and Malaysia's Foreign Ministry on strengthening development cooperation and promoting the implementation of the Global Development Initiatives.

An agreement on mutual visa exemption for holders of passports for public affairs and ordinary passports was also exchanged between the two governments, with Malaysia represented by Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and China represented by Wang.

Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz and China's Commerce Minister Wang Wentao exchanged three MOUs which include

cooperation in trade services.

The other two MOUs involve upgrading the China-Malaysia “Two Countries Twin Parks” as well as cooperation on standardisation.

### **More MOUs**

Malaysia’s Transport Minister Anthony Loke and Ouyang exchanged MOU between his ministry and China’s National Railway Administration on strengthening cooperation in the railway sector.

An MOU on jointly supporting the building of joint laboratories in emerging technologies was exchanged between Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Chang Lih Kang and Ouyang.

Chang also exchanged MOU on cooperation on the application of BeiDou Global Navigation Satellite System with China’s chairperson of the National Development and Reform Commission, Zheng Shanjie.

In the field of higher education, Higher Education Minister Zambray Abd Kadir and Ouyang exchanged MOU between Universiti Malaya and Peking University on the construction of the China-Malaysia AI+ new materials joint laboratory.

The two sides also exchanged three MOUs related to tourism and cultural heritage promotion. Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Tiong King Sing represented his ministry in the exchange, while China was represented by Ouyang and CMG President and editor-in-chief Shen Hai Xiong.

Shen also exchanged an MOU on translation and publication of classics with Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek.

Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo and China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) chairperson Zheng Shanje exchanged two MOUs on artificial intelligence and the digital economy.

The MOU on cooperation in intellectual property was exchanged between Malaysia's Intellectual Property Corporation (MyIPO) director-general Kamal Kormin and Ouyang.

Apart from the MOUs, Malaysia and China exchanged two notes, two agreements and a protocol to advance collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

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