

Asean Summit: Trump scheduled to have bilateral meeting with Anwar

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United States President Donald Trump is scheduled to hold an expanded bilateral meeting and signing ceremony with Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim during the 47th Asean Summit and related summits on Sunday (Oct 26).

Based on the tentative schedule released on America's Roll Call website, Trump will arrive in the capital on Sunday morning, before attending a bilateral meeting with Anwar in the afternoon at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The US president will then take part in a signing ceremony with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and Thai Premier Anutin Charnvirakul in the evening, believed to involve a border dispute agreement between the two Southeast Asian countries.

Trump is set to conclude the day by participating in the 13th Asean-US Summit and a working dinner with Asean leaders before departing on Monday.

Previous media reports stated that the Trump will fly to Tokyo on Monday to

meet Japan's first woman Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, before departing for Busan on Wednesday to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in South Korea.

Yesterday, US ambassador to Malaysia Edgard D Kagan said semiconductor tariffs, trade, investments, security and regional stability are among the topics expected to be discussed during Trump's visit to Malaysia.

This marks Trump's maiden trip to Asia in his second presidency, and the first visit to Malaysia by a US President since Barack Obama's visit a decade ago.

Malaysia, which holds the Asean chairmanship this year under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability", will host the 47th Asean Summit from Oct 26 to 28.

The event will see the participation of top leaders from the 10 Asean member states, along with key dialogue partners including the US, China, South Korea, Japan and India.

Apart from Trump, other prominent leaders expected to attend the summit include Chinese Premier Li Qiang, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, European Council president António Costa and Takaichi.

Trump's attendance confirmed

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed Trump's visit to Malaysia in a press conference, held in Washington.

She also confirmed Trump's meeting with Anwar during the visit.

"President Trump will participate in a bilateral meeting with the prime minister of Malaysia in the afternoon, and then he will attend the Asean leaders' working dinner that evening," she said.

She said Trump would leave on Monday for Tokyo and then proceed to Busan, South Korea, on Wednesday.

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