

PMO: Trump's presence strengthens Asean-US relations

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US President Donald Trump's attendance at the 47th Asean Summit and Related Summits today further strengthens relations between Asean and the US, marking a new chapter in both bilateral and regional cooperation.

In a statement issued through the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) daily briefing, PM senior press secretary Tunku Nashrul Abaidah said Trump's official visit to Malaysia – his first since assuming office in January – provides an important opportunity for Asean to convey its collective stance on various regional and global issues.

“Trump's presence offers Asean a vital platform to express its shared positions on issues such as peace, trade, energy, and the situation in the Asia-Pacific region and Gaza,” he said.

At the same time, Nashrul noted that one of today's key highlights would be the signing ceremony of the Thailand–Cambodia peace agreement, to be witnessed by Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and Trump.

He said the event symbolises Asean's success in advancing peaceful and constructive diplomacy to resolve disputes, reinforcing confidence in Malaysia's role as a facilitator of regional peace.

Trump and Anwar are also scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting, witness the signing of the agreement, and attend the 13th Asean-US Summit as well as a dinner with Asean leaders.

This year's summit, held under Malaysia's Asean Chairmanship 2025 theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability", will take place from tomorrow until Oct 28 and is expected to be among the largest gatherings in the regional organisation's history.

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