

# PM optimistic about boosting Malaysia-China relations

**BEIJING:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is optimistic that Malaysia can achieve greater progress in bilateral relationship with China.

Anwar said the country was expected to make progress not only in investment and trade, but also in tertiary education.

“After meeting China President Xi Jinping today (yesterday)

and Prime Minister Li Qiang tomorrow (today), I will make an announcement tomorrow (today) regarding a significant bilateral development between Malaysia and China that encompasses various aspects, including the economy, investment, trade and university collaborations.

“I hope you can give the best

cooperation. I need the support of the president, and I need the support of the professors and students for this mission to succeed,” he said in a public lecture at Tsinghua University here yesterday.

Earlier, Anwar and his delegation were welcomed at the university by CPC Tsinghua University secretary Professor Qiu Yong.

About 290 Malaysians are studying at the university in various fields.

During his two-hour visit, Anwar met Malaysian students, signed the university’s guest book and took pictures with university staff and students.

Anwar said he was confident that China’s leadership under Xi and Li would create opportunities for bilateral cooperation with countries in the region, particularly with Malaysia.

“We are a country that is open and we will decide what is best for our nation.

“We make (decisions) based on the strength of our values and



*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim performing Friday prayers at Dongsi Mosque in Beijing yesterday. BERNAMA PIC*

principles to ensure good governance and that every policy is implemented, and can benefit the country and the people.”

Anwar, who is also finance minister, then performed Friday prayers with about 300 worship-

pers at Dongsi Mosque here. He also visited the mosque’s mini library.

Anwar is on a four-day official visit to China until today, and has several important meetings lined up.