

Lima could boost aerospace, maritime industries: Anwar

LANGKAWI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday expressed hope that the 2023 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima '23) exhibition will reinforce Malaysia as a regional hub for the aerospace and maritime industries.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said in doing so the country will move closer to the realisation of the Malaysian Aerospace Industry Blueprint and the Malaysia Shipping Master Plan.

"I would like in particular to congratulate and thank the two co-lead ministers for Lima '23, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and Transport Minister Anthony Loke, as well as their respective teams for driving this initiative.

"I would also like to commend Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Chang Lih Kang and his team, particularly the Malaysian Space Agency for putting together the first-ever SpaceTech Nexus at this year's Lima," he said during his welcoming remarks in conjunction with Lima '23 yesterday.

Anwar added that the SpaceTech Nexus demonstrates that Lima '23 is a future-focused event and ready to play a role in the growth of space technology, which is expected to reach a global market value of US\$10 trillion (RM45.9 trillion) by 2030.

He also said Lima '23 has established itself as an event that encompasses all sides of aerospace and maritime sectors from both military and civilian aspects.

In his speech, the prime minister



Anwar sharing a light moment during his visit to Lima yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**

also applauded the support from various partners which had contributed to the successful fruition of the prestigious biennial event.

"This is spectacular in the level of support and recognition given to Malaysia and I must also use this

opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to our colleagues from participating countries, and in this particular function to express our gratitude to our friends."

Lima '23, themed "The Nexus of Asia's Maritime and Aerospace

Trade" began yesterday and will run until May 27.

This year's edition involves two ministries, namely the Defence Ministry (defence sector) and the Transport Ministry (commercial sector). - **Bernama**