

Anwar congratulates Erdogan on victory

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has joined other world leaders in congratulating Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for winning a historic runoff election on Sunday, the toughest challenge of his political career.

Anwar expressed Malaysia's eagerness to collaborate closely with Turkiye to further strengthen the good bilateral relations.

"Congratulations to H.E. President Erdogan for being elected as the 13th President of the Republic of Turkiye in the recent Presidential election," said Anwar, who shares strong ties with Erdogan.

"Turkiye will continue to play a constructive role as an important regional and global player," he added in a tweet.

Turkiye's Supreme Election Council chairman Ahmet Yener announced that Erdogan had been re-elected as president in runoff election on Sunday.

Ahmet was reported as saying by Anadolu Agency that Erdogan won Turkiye's presidency over opposition challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu in the second-round runoff vote.

According to unofficial results, the Turkish incumbent won the race with 52.14%, while Kilicdaroglu got 47.86% of the votes, he said, adding that 99.43% of the ballot boxes had been opened thus far.

In the first round of voting on May 14, Erdogan secured a nearly five-point lead over Kilicdaroglu but fell short of the 50% threshold needed to win.

The president's parliamentary bloc won a majority of seats in the parliamentary race on the same day. - Bernama