

# PM'S 3-PRONGED APEC SUMMIT AGENDA

**Anwar aims to boost bilateral ties, seal high-value investments, raise Palestinian plight**



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**D**ATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim's presence at the 30th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) from today to Friday will be marked by efforts to boost bilateral relations, seal high-value investments and draw attention to the Palestinian situation.

Apart from engaging with leaders to improve economic ties, the prime minister aims to conclude significant investments for Malaysia during his busy schedule. Anwar will also advocate for global support and a just resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, emphasising humanitarian access.

Under the Madani economy framework, he will share Malaysia's priorities, focusing on inclusivity, sustainable development and cooperation for shared prosperity.

Anwar is scheduled to have one-on-one meetings with prominent American business leaders on the sidelines of the AELM, aimed at finalising high-value investments and creating quality jobs for Malaysians.

His bilateral meetings with Apec leaders will seek to explore and strengthen cooperation across various areas for mutual benefit.

He is also expected to witness the signing of an agreement between BlackBerry and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission on cybersecurity cooperation.

A highlight of the visit is An-



The 30th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Economic Leaders' Meeting hosted by the United States and chaired by President Joe Biden has commenced in San Francisco. BERNAMA PIC

war's scheduled delivery of a public lecture to students and scholars at University of California, Berkeley, focusing on "Superpower Rivalry and Rising Tensions in the Asia-Pacific — The View from Southeast Asia".

Anwar will touch on democracy, constitutional liberties and Islamophobia.

Before his return, he will meet with the Malaysian diaspora and students here at a dinner event.

Accompanying Anwar on this trip are his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil and senior government officials.

As this year's Apec chair, the United States will host the AELM for the third time.

This year, President Joe Biden will chair the AELM and is expected to lead in-depth discussions with Apec leaders on topics centred around strengthening economic ties, enhancing inclusivity and sustainability, as well as bolstering economic resilience and complexity, in line with the theme of this year's Apec, "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All".

The 30th AELM is expected to adopt the Apec Leaders' 2023 Golden Gate Declaration, and advance efforts reflecting Apec economies' commitment to addressing global challenges towards realising the Apec Putra-

jaya Vision 2040.

The adoption of the Golden Gate Declaration is imperative as it underscores the unity and cooperation among Apec economies, particularly in light of ongoing concerns relating to the climate crisis and disruption of global supply chains.

Anwar will also participate in the Apec Economic Leaders' Informal Dialogue with guests, namely with the leaders of Colombia, Fiji and India; the Apec Business Advisory Council Dialogue with Apec Economic Leaders and the Apec 2023 CEO Summit.

The events will serve as an opportunity for Anwar to articulate Malaysia's perspectives on the global economy and exchange views on pressing regional issues with influential chief executive officers, entrepreneurs and Apec leaders.

Apec is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific.

The 21 Apec member economies account for nearly 40 per cent of the global population, nearly 50 per cent of global trade, and more than 60 per cent of US goods and exports.

Apec's 21 member economies are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taipei, Thailand, the US and Vietnam.