



Anwar, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, visiting one of the booths at the exhibition in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. – **BERNAMAPIC**

M'sia to raise Palestine issue at Apec

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will fulfil its responsibilities to the best of its ability in voicing its views on the Palestinian crisis at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Economic Leaders' Week in San Francisco, California next week, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said certain developments related to the crisis need to be discussed first.

"We will discuss some developments, and we will carry out our responsibilities to the best of our ability," he said briefly after opening the Malaysian Palm Oil Board International Palm Oil Congress and Exhibition 2023 yesterday.

Anwar said this when asked whether he would use the Apec 2023 platform to address the issue of Israeli brutality against the Palestinians, Bernama reported.

Anwar had confirmed that he would be attending the summit amid demands for him not to.

He said the decision to participate in the conference was to protect the country's interests in terms of diplomatic and economic relations and security.

He said at the same time, he would not budge from defending justice and supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people.

Apec is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to capitalise on the growing interdependence of countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and this year, it will be held from Nov 11 to Nov 17.

The congress and exhibition, which is taking place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from Tuesday until today, has gathered over 100 speakers and some 2,000 participants from around the world.

It serves as a platform for sharing insights, economic trends and the latest technology in the industry.