

# Anwar ready with issues to raise at Apec meeting

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who is scheduled to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Economic Leaders' Week, will emphasise the importance of regional cooperation and building economic resilience in the region amid post-pandemic and geopolitical challenges.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, will lead the Malaysian delegation to the 30th Apec Economic Leaders' Meeting in San Francisco.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement that throughout Anwar's engagement with Apec economic leaders and at the various multilateral and bilateral platforms, he aims to highlight the Palestinian situation and advocate global support, humanitarian access and a just resolution to the conflict, Bernama reported.

Anwar is also set to take the opportunity to share Malaysia's priorities and principles under the Madani Economy Framework, emphasising inclusivity, sustainable development and cooperation for shared prosperity.

## > Main topics include regional cooperation, economic resilience and resolution to Gaza conflict

"While in San Francisco, the prime minister 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.

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

According to the statement, Anwar will also participate in the Second Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Leaders' Meeting.

It said one of the highlights of the visit is the prime minister's delivery

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

In giving an overview of the geopolitical situation, Anwar will also touch on democracy, constitutional liberties and Islamophobia.

The PMO said as the Apec chair for 2023, the US will be hosting the Apec Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) for the third time, after 1993 and 2011 in Blake Island and Honolulu, respectively.

It said this year, US 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, and bolstering economic resilience and complexity, which is in line with Apec 2023's theme, "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 Putrajaya Vision 2040."

The PMO said 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, among others, the climate crisis and disruption of supply chains.

"As a founding economy of Apec, Malaysia's active engagement during the 30th AELM underscores its commitment towards deepening economic cooperation, enhancing economic prosperity and fostering equitable and inclusive development for all," it said.

Before returning to Malaysia, Anwar will meet with the Malaysian diaspora and students in San Francisco in a dinner event.