

Anwar: Tap Japan's, S. Korea's expertise in renewable energy, green tech

JAKARTA: Asean should tap Japan and South Korea's expertise in renewable energy and green technology to face the challenges posed by climate change, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said Japan had been making great strides in clean energy technology, and it had become a model for many countries in the push towards green initiatives.

"Climate change poses a significant threat to our nations and the planet. We must intensify efforts to combat its impact by adopting and supporting renewable energy solutions.

"Asean could benefit from Japan's expertise in developing clean energy technologies, renewable energy projects and sharing best practices, including through the Asean-Japan Energy Efficiency Partnership and Asean-Japan Climate Change Action Agenda 2.0."

He said this at the 26th Asean-Japan Summit at the Jakarta Convention Centre here.

He said Malaysia welcomed progress in the implementation and review of the Asean-Japan Economic Resilience Action Plan to promote supply chain resilience, digital innovation, intellectual property and create facil-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (second from right) posing for a group picture at the 26th Asean-Japan Summit in Jakarta yesterday. Present is Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida (fifth from left). BERNAMA PIC

itation. "The challenge is to increase productivity and address societal challenges.

"The full and effective implementation of the Asean-Japan Economic Partnership agreement and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership is critical in ensuring our continued economic progress."

He said as one of Asean's earliest partners and investors, Japan had an added advantage.

He said the relationship would continue to cover a more comprehensive network in business and culture.

He said Malaysia appreciated Japan's support for the establishment of a centre for digital innovation and sustainable economy at the Economic Research Institute for Asean and East Asia.

Meanwhile, at the 24th Asean-Republic of Korea Summit, Anwar said it was important for the

region to focus on green growth and climate sustainability while optimising land use for food security.

He said Asean should prioritise low carbon and climate resilient socioeconomic development and put in place robust efforts in the conservation of national resources and the ecosystem.

"In this regard, Malaysia welcomes the establishment of Asean-Republic of Korea Coop-

erational Centre for Carbon Neutrality and Green Transition."

He said Asean and South Korea would also engage in more collaborations to promote digital literacy, innovative technology and interconnected digital infrastructure, which were vital to boost economic growth and inclusive empowerment of the people in the region. **By Ahmad Fairuz Othman**