



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi posing for a photograph during a bilateral meeting between the leaders in New York yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

PM: Nation to boost ties with Iran

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will strengthen bilateral relations in various fields with Iran for mutual benefit, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

This was expressed by the prime minister at a meeting with Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi in New York, the United States, which was shared in a Facebook posting yesterday.

"In the meeting, I conveyed Malaysia's wish to enhance bilateral relations with Iran through cooperation in the fields of economy, education, food security, science and technology, as well as exploring the potential for new forms of cooperation," he said.

Anwar said Malaysia reaffirmed its commitment to conduct a Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) and a Joint Economic

Commission (JEC) meeting between the two countries to refine the potential scope of cooperation.

"Hopefully, the relations between Malaysia and Iran will continue to be strengthened for mutual benefit, God willing," Anwar said.

Anwar is in New York to attend the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Raisi is the second foreign leader to meet Anwar in New York yesterday, after Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Meanwhile, Anwar said Malaysia and Sri Lanka had agreed to boost their bilateral ties in various sectors.

Anwar said the matter was discussed during his meeting with

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe in New York on the same day.

"In our meeting, we agreed to strengthen bilateral ties in various sectors," he said in a statement issued by his office after the meeting.

This included an exchange of visits at the highest level, trade and investment sectors, education, tourism and culture as well as human resource development, said Anwar.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the meeting provided the opportunity for both countries to explore new areas of cooperation to strengthen their existing cooperation.

"Hopefully, this collaboration can bring benefits to the people of Malaysia and Sri Lanka."