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## PM receives courtesy call from Indonesian president-elect

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim received a courtesy call from Indonesian president-elect Prabowo Subianto at his office in Perdana Putra yesterday.

He said Prabowo's visit was part of the Indonesian defence minister's one-day visit to Malaysia.

Anwar said they exchanged views on strengthening Malaysia-Indonesia ties.

"Our political journeys are similar.

"We faced various challenges

before our appointments (as prime minister and president)."

Anwar said Prabowo talked about his time as a student in Malaysia when he studied at Victoria Institution in KL.

"I extended congratulations and best wishes to Prabowo, who will be inaugurated as the eighth president of Indonesia.

"May the friendship between Malaysia and Indonesia continue to grow stronger," said Anwar in a Facebook post.

This is Prabowo's first visit to Malaysia after winning the election.

Later, Prabowo met Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed

Khaled Nordin at Wisma Pertahanan, where Malaysia and Indonesia affirmed their commitment to strengthening defence cooperation between the two nations.

In a statement after the visit, the ministry said Khaled had expressed confidence in Prabowo's experience and efforts in defence, which would improve regional stability and security.

"Both ministers are confident that strong cooperation will ensure the continued implementation of existing and future activities, thus taking the defence relationship between Malaysia and Indonesia to a higher level," the statement said.

The meeting, which lasted almost an hour, was their first meeting since Khaled became defence minister last year.