



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with Brunei Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya yesterday. With them are the crown prince's wife, Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah (left), and the prime minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. BERNAMA PIC

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'BRUNEI CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT BOOSTS RELATIONS'

PM and crown prince discuss defence and training in industry, technology

PUTRAJAYA

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday described the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Brunei as at the highest level. He said the official visit of Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah, representing Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, sent a strong message of Brunei's com-

mitment to deepen bilateral cooperation.

"The presence of the crown prince shows that the leadership of Brunei is determined to bolster cooperation," he said after hosting a luncheon for the crown prince here.

Among the matters discussed at the meeting, he said, were strengthening bilateral relations, including defence and training in industry, technology, Islam, culture and the Malay language, which would provide benefits and opportunities to the people of both countries.

Anwar said he and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah had held a bilateral meeting to discuss the status of cooperation between Malaysia and Brunei.

On July 20, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Raja Isteri Pengiran

Anak Hajah Saleha graced the installation ceremony of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, at Istana Negara.

Earlier yesterday, Anwar received a courtesy call from Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah, who is also senior minister, at the Prime Minister's Office.

The crown prince was accompanied by his wife, Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah.

Present was the prime minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The crown prince's five-day official visit to Malaysia ends on Aug 21.

Brunei was Malaysia's sixth largest trading partner among Asean member countries last year, with a trade volume of US\$2.04 billion. **Bernama**