

Malaysia and Brunei commit to boost bilateral ties

PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has described the close bilateral relations between Malaysia and Brunei as prevailing at the highest level.

The Prime Minister said the official visit of Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Mahkota Al-Muhtadee Billah Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah to Malaysia is an important signal to the country that the entire leadership of Brunei is determined to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

"The presence of the Crown Prince of Brunei shows that the entire strength and leadership of Brunei are together and determined to bolster cooperation," he told the media after hosting a luncheon in conjunction with the courtesy visit here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Among the matters discussed in the meeting, Anwar 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.

According to Anwar, he and Sultan of Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah had previously held a bilateral meeting to discuss the progress of cooperation between Malaysia and Brunei.

On July 20, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha agreed to attend the Installation Ceremony of His Majesty, Sultan Ibrahim, the King of Malaysia at Istana Negara.

Earlier, Anwar received a courtesy call from the Brunei Crown Prince and his wife, Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah, at Seri Perdana Complex here at 11.25am.

They were also greeted by the Prime Minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The Crown Prince is on a five-day official visit to Malaysia from Saturday to Wednesday.

Brunei is Malaysia's sixth largest trading partner among Asean member countries in 2023, with a trade volume of US\$2.04bil (RM9.31bil).



Warm welcome: Anwar and Wan Azizah receiving a courtesy call from Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah and his wife Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah at the Seri Perdana Complex. - Bernama