

PM: We're ready to engage with Trump govt

SUBANG JAYA: With United States President-elect Donald Trump set to return to the White House next month, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed confidence in Malaysia's ability to safeguard its foreign policy and economic priorities amid evolving global politics.

Malaysia was ready to engage with the Trump administration, Anwar said, as it was important to maintain strong relations, particularly in the high-tech sector.

He said Malaysia had initiated engagements with Trump's team to ensure the continuity of strong bilateral ties with the US, a major trade and investment partner.

Trump will be inaugurated on Jan 20.

"Many of my team members have been communicating with the potential team of President Trump.

"Initial engagements have been quite positive," Anwar told a news conference here yesterday.

Present was Communications Ministry secretary-general Datuk Mohamad Fauzi Md Isa.

Anwar underscored the importance of the US as Malaysia's top cumulative investor, alongside other global powers, such as China and Germany.

"Our relations with the big players remain very good. Google and other major American tech firms are still excellent."

He acknowledged concerns about potential shifts in US-China relations under Trump's leadership, but emphasised that Malaysia's approach had always been to foster balanced relationships with global superpowers.

He highlighted that pragmatism and strategic engagement would be key to ensuring stability and growth in the region.

"President Trump is pragmatic and has strong business acumen. We must ensure that Malaysia continues to benefit from positive US engagement while maintaining regional stability."

Anwar reaffirmed Malaysia's focus on Asean's centrality, saying that the bloc's collective strength would play a vital role in navigating the complexities of US-China tensions under the incoming Trump administration.

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