

Aussie foreign minister calls on Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim received a courtesy call yesterday from Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, who is currently in Malaysia to attend the 6th Malaysia-Australia Annual Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

During the meeting at the Parliament building, the two leaders discussed, among others, efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation in economy, defence, cybersecurity and higher education ahead of the 70th anniversary of Malaysia-Australia diplomatic relations in 2025.

Anwar took the opportunity to extend another invitation to Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to attend the Asean Summit in 2025.

At the meeting, which lasted about 30 minutes, Australia also expressed sympathy to Malaysia for the floods currently affecting the country.

According to the Foreign Ministry, Malaysia and Australia have established a strong diplomatic relationship since 1957.

In 2023, Australia was Malaysia's largest trading partner, primary export destination and the largest source of imports among countries in the Oceania region, with a total trade value of RM84.64 billion. - Bernama



Anwar greeting Wong during the courtesy call yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**