

MALAYSIA APPLIES TO JOIN BRICS

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim talking with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov during the latter's courtesy call in Putrajaya yesterday.
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MALAYSIA has applied to join BRICS, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In a Facebook post, Anwar said he had discussed Malaysia's application with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov during a courtesy call yesterday.

Lavrov is on a two-day visit

to Malaysia.

Russia currently chairs BRICS, which comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates.

It is considered the foremost geopolitical rival of the G7 bloc.

"This potential membership holds substantial promise for both nations and underscores our commitment to fostering

robust international collaboration.

"We also explored avenues to enhance bilateral cooperation in investment and trade, science and technology, agriculture, defence and military, education, and tourism and culture."

Anwar said he also discussed pressing global issues with Lavrov including the situation in Palestine.

"This engagement reflects our shared dedication to addressing global challenges and advancing a cooperative international agenda."