

Anwar congratulates Starmer

M'sia keen to strengthen ties following new UK PM's landslide win

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has congratulated Britain's Labour leader Keir Starmer over the party's landslide win in the country's general election.

"I look forward to working with Starmer and his team to develop a new strategic relationship, built on inclusivity, equality, mutual respect, people-to-people connection and a shared vision

for the future," he wrote in a post on Facebook yesterday.

Starmer was appointed as Prime Minister after Labour won more than 400 seats in the 650-seat British Parliament.

Labour's win brought an end to Conservative party rule after 14 years.

The partnership between Malaysia and Britain, added Anwar, is an enduring one, woven through history and

strengthened by the close bonds of kith and kin.

"Britain's participation in the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) broadens the horizons for our economic partnership.

"The Five Power Defence Arrangements serve as a cornerstone for our mutual security, enhancing regional stability and fostering closer defence coopera-

tion," he said, referring to the bilateral defence relationships established by a series of multi-lateral agreements between Commonwealth members - including Malaysia - and Britain.

The CPTPP is a trade agreement between a group of countries including Malaysia, with which Britain has signed an accession protocol in 2023 to join once this has been ratified by all parties.



Among the people:

Anwar mingling congregard after performing Friday prayers together at Surau Nurul Ikhlas in Seri Kembangan, Selangor. — Bernama