

# PM: Malaysia doesn't practise China-phobic policy

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia does not practise a “China-phobic” policy and considers the country an important trading partner, with which it is ready to expand cooperation.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim emphasised that besides trade and investment, Malaysia was prepared to collaborate with China in arts, education, science, technology and artificial intelligence (AI).

“We are comfortable with this stance, but the issue arises from the United States, which champions competition and now acts as a ‘protector’. They strongly advocate for free trade.

“If there is a country determined to strengthen the spirit of the global south, then we need to play a role.

“During the session in San Francisco, in the presence of US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping, I expressed relief that these two great leaders met and hoped it would lead to positive outcomes,” he said in an interview with Guancha, a Shanghai-based publishing company.

China’s Minister at the Chinese embassy in Malaysia, Zheng Xuefang, previously expressed appreciation for Anwar’s stance on “China-phobia” as alleged by the United States and its allies.