



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the Prime Minister's Department monthly assembly in Putrajaya yesterday. He is flanked by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (left) and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

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PM: GERMANY VISIT A GREAT SUCCESS

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday hailed his six-day visit to Germany as an "extraordinary" success for the nation.

He said this success was a testament to the newfound confidence of foreign leaders and investors in Malaysia's administrative efficiency, which had significantly improved and was committed to addressing wastage issues.

"I just returned from my official visit to Germany. I had discussions with the German president and chancellor, which covered investment issues, technical cooperation, TVET (technical and vocational education and training), engineering education and meetings with investors.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express to the Chief Secretary to the Government (Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali) that I am proud to serve alongside such

dedicated civil servants.

"The impact they have is tremendous, and the reception has been extraordinary.

"I am not making this up. You can ask the accompanying ministers.

"Investors also expressed their confidence in our enhanced efficiency and ability to make prudent decisions.

"I'm pleased to report successful negotiations with major corporations, securing their immediate investment commitments," he said at the Prime Minister's Department monthly assembly.

Anwar announced that his visit had resulted in new potential investment commitments amounting to RM45.4 billion, following discussions with representatives from 38 companies.

Germany has been Malaysia's largest trading partner in the European Union since 2000, while Malaysia is Germany's biggest trading partner in Asean.

In 2023, Malaysia's trade with Germany rose by 5.9 per cent to US\$13.9 billion compared with

US\$13.62 billion in 2022.

Anwar said Malaysia stood poised to advance its economic development with other nations if the administration continued to uphold a commendable performance.

He underscored Malaysia's positive international media coverage, attributing it to its steadfast stance on policy administration and global issues.

"In my discussions with investors behind closed doors, the sentiment has been overwhelmingly positive. With our capabilities and determination, we can propel our economy.

"While political uncertainties may cast doubt, we must remain focused on tangible evidence.

"Never before have we witnessed such substantial levels of investment in our history, and the favourable response from the international media to our speeches and policies is a testament to this."

On March 10, he arrived in Germany for his inaugural visit since becoming prime minister.

He began his series of programmes on March 11 with a visit to the Siemens Energy plant in Berlin, followed by a courtesy call on President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who had visited Malaysia last year.