

PM arrives in Berlin for official visit

> Anwar to discuss Malaysia-Germany ties, particularly economic cooperation, education, environment and sustainability in talks with country's leaders

BERLIN: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arrived in the German capital on Sunday night for his official visit to Malaysia's largest trading partner among European Union member countries.

The aircraft carrying Anwar landed at the Berlin Brandenburg Airport at 10.29pm.

On hand to welcome the premier at the airport were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Malaysia's Ambassador to Germany Datin Paduka Dr Adina Kamarudin and German government officials.

Anwar is scheduled to visit Siemens Energy before holding a bilateral meeting with his German counterpart Chancellor Olaf Scholz, apart from paying a courtesy call on President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

The leaders are expected to discuss the progress of Malaysia-Germany relations, particularly economic cooperation, education, environment and sustainability, as

well as exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

During his six-day visit, which also includes a trip to the harbour city of Hamburg, Anwar will meet captains of industry and potential investors such as Schott AG, Infineon Technologies AG, Melexis and Airbus, and also have session with the Malaysian diaspora in the country.

Also accompanying Anwar are Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and Entrepreneur and Cooperatives Development Minister Datuk Ewon Benedick.

While in Berlin, Anwar will have a speaking engagement at Korber Foundation, a non-profit organisation focusing on social and political issues, and deliver a keynote address at the SME Future Day 2024 event, hosted by the German Association of Small and Medium-sized Businesses.

In Hamburg, he will attend



the 101st East Asia Friendship dinner, hosted by the German Asia-Pacific Business Association, during which he is scheduled to deliver an address.

According to the Foreign

Ministry, Anwar's visit is expected to further solidify the longstanding relations and multifaceted cooperation between Putrajaya and Berlin, Bernama reported.

Malaysia is Germany's largest

trading partner among Asean member states.

In 2023, Malaysia's total trade with Germany increased by 5.9% to RM63.45 billion compared with RM59.87 billion in 2022.