

Anwar on three-day working vjsit to Japan

TOKYO: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is on a three-day working visit to Japan, where he will participate in the 29th International Conference on the Future of Asia (Nikkei Conference).

Anwar is being accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz and Human Resources Minister Steven Sim Chee Keong.

Hosted by Nikkei Inc annually since 1995, the Nikkei Conference gathers government and business leaders to share visions for the future of Asia and is considered one of the most important global conferences in Asia.

This will be Anwar's first participation in the conference since his appointment as Malaysia's 10th prime minister in November 2022. He will deliver a keynote address on the theme "Asian Leadership in an Uncertain World", said the Foreign Ministry.

Other Asian leaders scheduled to speak at the event are newly appointed Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Laos President Thongloun Sisoulith and former Indonesian ambassador to the United States Dino Patti Djalal.

Anwar is also scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with his counterpart, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, to take stock and discuss initiatives to strengthen Malaysia-Japan relations and collaboration, following the elevation of the "Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" in December 2023.

Among the topics to be discussed are issues pertaining to high technology, energy transition and environmental cooperation, defence and security, as well as collaboration in higher education.

Both leaders will also exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest, Bernama reported.

As Japan is one of Malaysia's main sources of foreign direct investment, Anwar will also have an interactive session with several captains of industry.