

# ANWAR ON CHINA TRIP TO PROMOTE TRADE, TIES

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## SHANGHAI

**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will undertake a working visit to China until Nov 7 at the

invitation of Premier Li Qiang. He will attend the 7th China International Import Expo (7th CIIE) in Shanghai.

The Foreign Ministry, in a statement yesterday, said this year, Malaysia was honoured as the “Country of Honour” at the 7th CIIE.

Anwar will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz and Human Resources Minister

Steven Sim.

Wisma Putra said the prime minister was scheduled to meet Li to deliberate on bilateral matters following their meeting in Putrajaya on June 19.

“They are also expected to exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual concern and interest.”

The CIIE is an initiative by the Chinese government to provide a platform for countries involved in its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to promote and export products and services to the country.

At the opening ceremony in Shanghai, Wisma Putra said Anwar would deliver a speech and officiate the Malaysia Pavilion and the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) Pavilion.

He will also participate in one-on-one business meetings and hold a roundtable session with captains of industry from China, it said.

According to Wisma Putra, An-

war will visit Beijing for two days from Nov 6, where he will pay a courtesy call on President Xi Jinping.

He will deliver a talk titled “Bridging Futures: Strengthening Malaysia-China Relations and Asean Centrality in a Shifting Global Order” at Peking University and visit the Huawei Executive Briefing Centre.

“This visit will enhance the strong bilateral ties as Malaysia and China celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations this year,” the Foreign Ministry said.

Since 2009, China has been Malaysia’s largest trading partner globally.

Last year, total trade with China was valued at RM450.84 billion, making up 17.1 per cent of the country’s global trade.

Up to September this year, total trade stood at RM355.15 billion.

In the first half of this year, 15 manufacturing projects were implemented with Chinese companies, with investments totalling RM1.2 billion. **Bernama**