

Trump's comeback brings renewed opportunities, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has congratulated Donald Trump, who claimed victory in the United States presidential election.

He said Trump's comeback brought renewed opportunities.

"Congratulations to Trump on his remarkable political comeback and victory in the presidential election.

"This new chapter brings renewed opportunities, and we're ready to move forward with optimism, collaboration and shared purpose," he said on his social media accounts.

Anwar added that Malaysia, as Asean Chair for 2025, hopes the US would reinvigorate its engagement with Southeast Asia.

He expressed hope that the US would use its influence to help end the violence and loss of lives in Palestine and Ukraine.

"The United States remains Malaysia's largest source of foreign investment and a vital player in the Asia-Pacific region.

"We look forward to working closely with the incoming president to foster mutual benefits for the people of both our nations."

Investment Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said he was ready to work with his counterparts in the new US administration on both bilateral and

multilateral basis.

In a social media post, he said the US remained one of Malaysia's leading trading partners and top investors. He also extended his congratulations to Trump on his election win.

"I join Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in congratulating Trump on his victory in the 2024 US Presidential Elections. The US and Malaysia have an enduring economic, as well as trade partnership.

"The US has consistently been one of Malaysia's top trading partners and one of the largest investors in our country. Our people-to-people

ties in various areas like education but also family and friendships have spanned generations.

"I am keen — especially with Malaysia assuming the 2025 Asean Chairmanship — to work with my counterparts in the new administration to strengthen and add mutual benefit to our relationship, whether on a bilateral or multilateral basis," he said.

Earlier yesterday, Trump claimed victory and pledged to "heal" the country as results put him on the verge of beating Kamala Harris in a stunning White House comeback. His exuberant speech came although only Fox News had declared him the winner, with no other US networks having made the call so far.

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Prime minister