

Anwar's meeting with Li 'strengthens friendship, Malaysia-China ties'

SHANGHAI: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim expressed a profound sense of camaraderie and optimism after his recent bilateral meeting with Chinese Premier Li Qiang.

The prime minister, who met Li yesterday during his four-day work trip to the republic, said the meeting further strengthened the relationship between both countries.

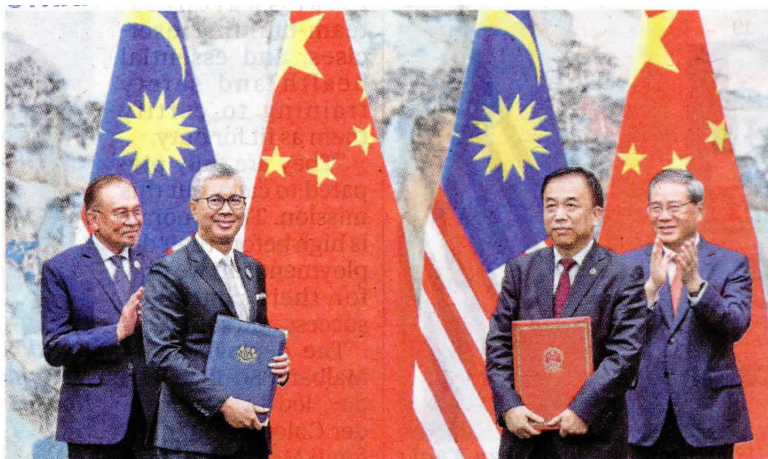
"*Alhamdulillah*, this meeting strengthened both my personal friendship with Li and the enduring partnership between Malaysia and China, bonds that will continue to bring benefits to our people," he said in a statement.

Anwar had said on Tuesday during the bilateral meeting that Malaysia and China stood as two great friends who were committed to strengthening their partnership and advancing the economic prosperity in the region.

The prime minister also reaffirmed Malaysia's deep appreciation for China's support across various areas, including Malaysia's participation in BRICS (a bloc comprising emerging economies Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

Meanwhile, it was reported that Bernama and China Media Group (CMG) exchanged a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday, marking a strategic partnership aimed at enhancing media collaboration between Malaysia and China.

Bernama reported that the MoU exchange took place in conjunction with Anwar's official visit to China, scheduled from Nov 4 to 7, at the invitation of Li.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (left) and his Chinese counterpart, Premier Li Qiang (right), witnessing the exchange of documents between Malaysia and China related to the Belt and Road Initiative in Shanghai. BERNAMA PIC

Bernama was represented by its chief executive officer Nur-ul Afida Kamaludin, and CMG by Chinese Ambassador to Malaysia Ouyang Yujing.

The event was witnessed by Anwar and Li after bilateral talks between the two leaders.

Nur-ul Afida said the MoU represented a pivotal milestone for Bernama as it broadened its regional and global reach, especially with Malaysia set to assume the Asean chairmanship in 2025.

Bernama is well positioned to expand its coverage of Asean activities throughout the year, in turn, offering CMG access to insightful Asean-related content.

"The MoU offers an opportunity for content exchange and media training, reinforcing both agencies' roles in disseminating news and cultural information," she said, adding that media exchanges had been fundamental

in promoting Malaysia-China relations.

Bernama anticipates benefiting from CMG's vast resources and expertise in media technology, especially in the digital sphere.

"This collaboration aligns with Bernama's vision to leverage digital innovation, enhancing its role as Malaysia's leading news and media content provider," said Nur-ul Afida.

Moreover, the MoU holds additional significance as it aligns with the 50th-anniversary celebrations of Malaysia-China diplomatic ties, symbolising deepening collaboration.

At the event, Anwar and Li also witnessed the exchange of documents between Malaysia and China relating to the Belt and Road Initiative, underscoring the growing ties between the two nations.