



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arriving at Beijing International Airport yesterday. PIC BY SADIQ ASYRAF/PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT

'MORE CHINESE FIRMS EYEING MALAYSIA'

Anwar to announce expected investment amount from potential investors today



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THERE is growing interest among Chinese firms in investing in Malaysia, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

Anwar, who is finance minister, reached this conclusion after a full day of talks with potential investors in Shanghai.

He described the development as positive for attracting investors from China.

"Together with the ministers today, I focused on investment issues. Discussions, whether one-on-one or in groups, centred on our policies, the regulatory environment for investments, and any issues that were raised.

"I also observed a growing in-

terest and inclination from China, which is a positive development.

"Although it has been exhausting with meetings since morning, I believe it has been worthwhile."

He said this during an interview with Malaysian media following a roundtable session with 24 Chinese industry leaders.

When asked about the expected investment amount from potential investors, Anwar said it would be announced today.

He began the third day of his trip here with a dialogue session organised by Khazanah Nasional Bhd.

The session brought together Chinese investors, including rep-

resentatives from Chengwei Capital, a leading venture capital firm with unique expertise and resources in the global semiconductor industry.

He also met representatives from NRL Capital, a science and engineering company founded by those pivotal in the development of high-tech industrial clusters in China.

During the meeting, collaborations in technology and innovation investments in Malaysia were explored with the investors.

At the same time, Anwar also held a closed-door, one-to-one business meeting with Chinese companies from the banking, energy and chemical sectors.

This includes Bank of China, Sinochem, SICC Co Ltd, SEM-CORP and Zhejiang Jiahua Energy Chemical Industry Co.

Anwar left Beijing yesterday to visit the Huawei Executive Briefing Centre. He will then make a courtesy call on President Xi Jinping today.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting investors in Shanghai yesterday.