



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (third from right) paying a courtesy call on Chinese President Xi Jinping (left) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

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# 'XI BRINGS NEW VOICE FOR GLOBAL SOUTH'

**China leader's vision for global solidarity embodies values and civilisation, says Anwar**



BEIJING

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping has brought a "new voice" for the Global South and the international community, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In his opening remarks during a courtesy call on Xi yesterday, Anwar praised Xi's vision for global solidarity and development, noting that it embodies values and civilisation.

"I have made the decision, with a firm commitment from the government, to strengthen collaboration and friendship.

"I followed your brilliant

speech at BRICS closely, and I thank you for your support for the partnership. But what is more important is your vision for global security and development.

"I have always emphasised the unique role you have played in discussing values and civilisation, which no other prominent leader has done.

"I believe this demonstrates your passion for people, the poor and humanity, (and) that is why we view you not only as a leader of China but (also) as a new voice for the Global South and internationally."

Anwar also noted that Xi had been supportive of Malaysia's efforts to advance the digital, energy and training sectors.

He added that China had done remarkably well in accepting Malaysia as a partner.

He emphasised that Xi's presence at the 2025 Asean Summit would be pivotal to ensuring the success of the regional bloc.

"I see your vision of a shared future, which not many wealthy or successful countries have adopted. You want China's success to be understood and shared by the international community, and we will, of course, (when we) assume the Asean chairmanship.

"As I indicated to you, one outstanding achievement of Asean is to have Asean-GCC-China cooperation. As always, such decisions are challenging, like our decision on a dual-network 5G,

which we made independently to prioritise our national interests.

"And now we have Asean-GCC-China cooperation. Many questions were raised, but I am pleased to say that I have managed to secure agreement from my Asean colleagues, with a full consensus of all 10 countries."

Anwar, who led the Malaysian delegation, had a dinner with Xi afterwards.

Earlier, during the exit press conference with the Malaysian media following the final day of his work trip in China, Anwar expressed hope for positive outcomes following Donald Trump's victory in the United States presidential election.

Anwar said these outcomes should encompass not only bilateral relations and trade but also global geopolitics.

"We would welcome it if America adopts a positive stance towards peace, aiming to halt the brutal attacks on Gaza and to recognise the legitimate and absolute rights of the Palestinian people.

"We hope it will also seek methods of reconciliation in the Ukraine conflict, as this would aid in resolving economic issues."

*Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.*