

PM arrives in Lima for 1st S. America trip



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LIMA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arrived in the Peruvian capital here at 11.15pm on Tuesday (12.15pm Wednesday in Malaysia), marking the start of his first official visit to South America.

Anwar will highlight Malaysia's commitment to strengthening economic cooperation at the 2024 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Summit.

He was received by Malaysian ambassador to Peru Ahmad Irham Ikmal Hisham upon arrival at the Military Air Base Group No. 8, Aeronaves here.

Accompanying him from Cairo,

Egypt, were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz.

Also present were Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir and Deputy Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Huang Tiong Si.

Representing the Peruvian government were its Production Minister Sergei Gonzalez Guerrero, Foreign Ministry Protocol chief Luis Escalante Schuler and air base commander General Julio Cesar Gutierrez.

Anwar was given a military salute by the Peruvian army before heading to his hotel for preliminary meetings.

His four-day visit to Peru includes the 31st Apec Economic Leaders' Meeting.

Anwar is scheduled to meet President Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra at the Presidential Palace here. They will discuss bilateral

issues and cooperation to strengthen relations between Kuala Lumpur and Lima.

Anwar will be awarded Peru's highest honour, the "El Sol del Peru" medal, in recognition of his leadership.

He will also participate in a roundtable discussion with key industry leaders from Peru to promote business opportunities, particularly in the renewable energy and digital industries.

Representatives from global companies, such as TikTok and Google, are also expected to meet the prime minister.

Today, Anwar will attend the Apec CEO Summit, where he will participate as a panellist in a session titled "Opportunities and Challenges in the AI Revolution".

Tomorrow, he will join the Informal Apec Leaders' Dialogue with Guests and the Apec Economic Leaders' Dialogue with the Apec Business Advisory Council.

He will also deliver Malaysia's intervention at the AELM Retreat Session on Saturday.