



Representatives from the Brazilian government welcoming Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Galeao Air Force Base in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday. BERNAMA PIC

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PM in Brazil for bilateral meeting, G20 Summit

RIO DE JANEIRO: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has arrived here for a four-day working visit, which includes a bilateral meeting with Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and participation in the G20 Summit.

Anwar's inaugural visit to Brazil, at the invitation of Lula, reflects the cordial diplomatic relations between the nations.

The special aircraft carrying Anwar landed at Galeao Air Force Base at 10.24pm local time on Saturday (9.24am Malaysian time on Sunday).

Anwar, along with Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, was received by Malaysia's Ambassador to Brazil Gloria Tiew and other Malaysian representatives.

Joining the delegation on the same flight from Cairo, Egypt, are Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir and Deputy Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister Datuk Seri Huang Tiong Si.

"At this conference, I will present Malaysia's perspectives on initiatives to address issues of poverty, inequality and reforming the global governance system.

"I will also express Malaysia's aspirations to advance economic cooperation, promote wellbeing and inclusive development, as well as push for reforms in global governance," said Anwar in a Facebook posting.

The Malaysian delegation was also welcomed by representatives from the Brazilian government, including Deputy Commander of Galeao Air Force Base Lieutenant-Colonel Buch Itamaraty and Counsellor from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Orlando Celso Timponi.

Anwar inspected a guard of honour by the Brazilian military before proceeding to his accommodation to continue with pre-summit meetings.

He faces a packed schedule during his stay in Brazil until Nov 19, including a meeting with Lula to discuss bilateral cooperation between Malaysia and Brazil.

Topics are expected to cover trade and investment, the semiconductor industry and efforts to further strengthen ties between the nations.

Both leaders will also exchange views on developments in regional and multilateral forums, including Asean, BRICS and the G20.

Mohamad said the visit was significant as Malaysia and Brazil were celebrating 65 years of diplomatic relations this year.

"Malaysia's participation in the G20 is under Brazil's chairmanship. The last time Malaysia attended the G20 Summit was in 2015 in Turkey as Asean chair at the time.

"The year 2025 will hold special importance for Malaysia and Brazil.

"While Malaysia will chair Asean, Brazil will lead BRICS and host the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change," he said.

At the G20 Summit, Anwar is scheduled to deliver Malaysia's national statement in a session on "The Fight against Hunger and Poverty and Reform of Global Governance Institutions".

He is also expected to meet leaders from G20 member states to discuss bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest.

Anwar is also scheduled to attend a roundtable discussion with key Brazilian industry leaders to promote business opportunities, particularly in the oil and gas and digital technology sectors.

Wisma Putra said Anwar's participation in the G20 Summit underscored Malaysia's commitment to advancing economic cooperation, fostering inclusive development and pursuing global governance reforms. **By Kamarulzaidi Kamis**