

# Ready to host first talks with Saudi to boost ties

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia is prepared to host the First Coordination Meeting between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia at the Foreign Ministers level to discuss further cooperation.

This was conveyed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during a meeting with Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia Mohammed Salman Abdulaziz Al-Saud in Riyadh on Monday.

“During the meeting, we touched on various aspects of Malaysia-Saudi Arabia relations that needs to be expanded, particularly in the areas of trade and investment, including cooperation in new fields such as artificial intelligence (AI), the green economy, clean energy and petrochemicals.

“We also exchanged views on regional and international situations of mutual interest,” Anwar shared in a Facebook post, Bernama reported.

The Prime Minister said he was optimistic that the close relationship between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia will contribute to the prosperity of Malaysians as a whole.

During the meeting, Anwar also expressed appreciation on the leadership of the Saudi Arabian government regarding the organisation of the Extraordinary Arab and Islamic Summit, including continuous efforts to support the oppressed Muslim communities.



**Ready to go:** Anwar and Egypt's Industrial Development Deputy Prime Minister and Transport and Industry Minister Lieutenant General Engineer Kamel Al-Wazir cutting the ribbon to launch of the Proton Saga CKD Assembly Operations in Egypt. Also present were Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Aziz (second from left) and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan (third from left). - Bernama

“I also took the opportunity to invite the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia to attend the Asean-GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Summit in Kuala Lumpur,” he said.

Anwar was in Riyadh to attend

the Extraordinary Arab and Islamic Summit.

The Prime Minister's presence at the summit was to bring the voice and mandate of the Malaysian people regarding the ongoing atrocities and humani-

tarian issues related to the actions of the Israeli regime in Palestine and Lebanon.

Anwar was scheduled to return to Cairo yesterday to continue his four-day official visit to Egypt, which began on Saturday.