

Anwar's visit to Brazil will strengthen bilateral and trade ties

LIMA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's maiden official visit to Brazil from Nov 16 to 19 will further strengthen 65 years of diplomatic relations, and increase trade and investment opportunities, says Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan.

The Foreign Minister said Anwar's working visit consists of a bilateral meeting with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva today and participation in the G20 Summit under the presidency of Brazil tomorrow and Tuesday.

"The last time Malaysia attended the G20 Summit was in 2015 in Turkiye as Asean chairman at that time. The year 2025 is very significant for Malaysia and Brazil.

"When Malaysia becomes the chairman of Asean, Brazil will become a member of BRICS and also host COP30 (Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)," Mohamad told reporters here yesterday, Bernama reported.

In the bilateral meeting between Anwar and Lula, the two leaders are expected to discuss opportunities to strengthen Malaysia-Brazil bilateral relations.

The main topics of discussion include increasing trade and investment between the two countries and developing the halal industry, Mohamad said.

Malaysia and Brazil will also discuss global issues of mutual interest such as climate change, reform of international institutions including the United Nations General Assembly, and the reform of the global financial system.

A round table discussion with Brazilian industry players is also scheduled to promote business opportunities, particularly in the semiconductor and halal sectors.

Mohamad noted that one of the main highlights of this visit was Malaysia's participation in the G20 Summit, themed "Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet".

Under the presidency of Brazil, the G20 will launch the "Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty", which aims to eradicate poverty and global hunger.

This theme is in line with the commitment of the Madani government to improving the socio-economic status of Malaysians, especially in efforts to eradicate extreme poverty, Mohamad said.

Tomorrow, Anwar, who is also the Finance Minister, will present Malaysia's position in two important sessions.

The first is the "Social Inclusion and the Fight against Hunger and Poverty" session, and the second is the "Reform of Global Governance Institutions" session.

These two sessions provide an opportunity for Malaysia to voice its views on initiatives to address issues such as poverty, inequality, and global governance system reform, he said.