



Anwar at the expo in Shanghai yesterday - **BERNAMAPIC**

Anwar lauds China's principle of shared future

> PM highlights phenomenal Chinese success through governance, correct policies, attitude to ensure trade, investments, economic prosperity for global community

SHANGHAI: The principle of a shared future is well received by countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Global South, and that is precisely why Malaysia agreed to participate in BRICS, said Prime Minister Datuk Sri Anwar Ibrahim.

Speaking at the opening of the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE) held at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre here, Anwar described China President Xi Jinping's address at the recent BRICS conference in Kazan as "spectacular"

He said Xi had said, "we must build the community with a shared future, to uphold global peace, global security, and to share the experience, expertise and technologies with the world."

This year, Malaysia is the "Country of Honour" at the 7th CIIE being held until Nov 10, with the theme "New Era Shared Future"

Anwar was given the privilege of speaking immediately after his Chinese counterpart, Premier Li Qiang, followed by leaders from five other countries - France, Nicaragua, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania and Uzbekistan.

He highlighted the address by Li that the phenomenal success registered by China is an

example of not only governance and correct policies but also a promising attitude to ensure that "trade, investments and economic prosperity" will be beneficial to the international community.

"This is, of course, not an easy remark because it is contrary to the expression of many powerful economies of the world.

"And that is why I think I would join many of my colleagues in commending China and its leadership for this departure from very obscure, condescending and unfair trading practices."

Anwar lauded the CIIE, which provides an opportunity not only for Chinese companies but also companies throughout the world, including smaller firms and medium enterprises, to showcase their capacity and attract new investments.

"So, multicultural cooperation for free trade and sustainability goals must be used as a tool to advance global progress equitably instead of as a weapon to quell competition, promote unfair advantage or create conflict"

The CHE is an initiative by the Chinese government to provide a platform for countries involved in its Belt and Road Initiative to

promote and export their products and services to China, Bernama reported.

Touching on the Asean chairmanship next year, Anwar said Malaysia aimed to enhance regional cooperation and an inclusive rules-based regional framework

"In this vein, we would like to reciprocate the forward-looking, shared future principle promoted by China so that when we organise the Asean-GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council), we also include what is called Asean plus GCC plus China Summit."

Anwar added that it would be of great consequence for the trajectory of regional growth and "will make a significant contribution to moving the needle on greater global parity in economic trade investments and economic advancement."

As the world's fifth largest economy, Anwar said Asean, too, has the potential to be a driving force for inclusive socio-economic growth that paves the way for an unprecedented era of sustainable, shared prosperity.

"We are leaving no stone unturned, as you have seen here in China, in promoting good governance and combating and rooting out corruption, as well as implementing socio-economic and industrial reform agendas.

"We continue to be inspired, Premier Li Qiang, by your extraordinary success in battling poverty, which clearly signifies a major achievement in social reengineering."

China has been Malaysia's largest trading partner globally for 15 consecutive years since 2009.