

# M'sia, Brazil to collaborate in education sector

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**RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil):** The traditional notion that students should rely heavily on certain countries or prestigious universities for their education is becoming increasingly irrelevant, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said this was among the topics that were discussed in his meeting with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva here earlier on Sunday.

"Both of us also agreed to work on collaboration in terms of research and development in education.

"This is because the traditional thinking with total obsession and dependence on particular countries and particular universities, I think, is obsolete, basically, not quite relevant with the dictates of the times," he said at an event by Malaysian company Yinson Holdings Bhd to celebrate its floating production storage and offloading unit, Maria Quiteria, achieving its first oil production on Oct 15.

He said ministries should now look at the possibility of collaboration with universities in research and development.

"Which would mean we will have more contact, communications and collaboration," said Anwar, who is here for his first official visit and to represent the nation at the G20 Summit.



Luiz Inacio greeting Anwar as he arrived ahead of the G20 Summit in Rio De Janeiro on Monday. - **REUTERSPIC**

He added that the commitment towards fostering Global South centrality and neutrality should also include education.

Anwar, who is also the finance minister, took the opportunity to invite the business community present at the event to invest in Malaysia.

"President Luiz indicated to me that he may visit Malaysia during the Asean heads of government meeting next year, and that would also be a wonderful setting where captains of industry from Brazil will have the chance to expand their collaboration with Malaysian industry players."

The leaders of both countries also

pledged to work together for "a reinvigorated multilateral system rooted in the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law"!

Both leaders emphasised the need for a reformed global governance that is more representative, democratic, effective, transparent and accountable, Bernama reported.

They said in a statement that this system must reflect the "social, economic and political realities as well as predicaments of the 21st century"!

Malaysia and 16 other countries, including Chile, Qatar, Egypt, Singapore, Spain, United Arab

Emirates and Vietnam are guest countries for the G20 Summit.

The G20 consists of 19 countries and two unions, namely Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkiye, the United Kingdom, United States, European Union and the African Union.

Malaysia and Brazil celebrate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations this year.

In 2023, Brazil was Malaysia's 20th largest trading partner, 29th largest export destination and 17th largest import source.