

# Anwar on three-day official visit to South Korea

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is on an official visit to South Korea from yesterday until tomorrow to further strengthen bilateral ties as the two nations prepare to celebrate 65 years of diplomatic relations next year.

The Foreign Ministry said Anwar's first official visit to South Korea since assuming office in November 2022 is at the invitation of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol.

It said Anwar is scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with Yoon at the Yongsan Presidential Office.

"Both leaders will take stock of Malaysia-South Korea bilateral relations that have significantly progressed in scope and substance since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1960.

"They are also expected to discuss regional and international issues of mutual concern and exchange views

on Malaysia's chairmanship of Asean and South Korea's chairmanship of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in 2025," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Anwar and Yoon will witness the exchange of three MoUs on cooperation in higher education, carbon capture and storage, as well as cooperative approaches (under the Paris Agreement).

Anwar is also set to deliver a special

address titled "Strategic Partners in a Complex World: Malaysia, Korea and the Future of Asia" at the Seoul National University.

He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Chang Li Kang, National Unity Minister Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang and senior

government officials.

From January to September, Malaysia's trade with South Korea was valued at RM81.61 billion. From 1980 to June 2024, a total of 392 manufacturing projects with South Korean participation have been implemented.

In 2023, South Korea was Malaysia's eighth largest trading partner, with trade valued at RM111.07 billion. - Bernama