

# PM TO LEAD DELEGATION TO ASEAN SUMMITS

**Malaysia to discuss community building, regional stability and economic integration**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will lead the Malaysian delegation to the 44th and 45th Asean Summits and Related Summits here from yesterday until Oct 11, the Foreign Ministry said.

Aside from the Asean summits, Anwar will attend the Plus One Summits between Asean and seven dialogue partners, namely Australia, China, Japan, India, South Korea, the United States and Canada, the Asean Plus Three Summit, East Asia Summit and Asean-United Nations Summit.

“Additionally, the prime minister will attend the Asia Zero Emission Community Leaders

Meeting and Asean Leaders’ Interface Sessions with representatives of the Asean Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, Asean Business Advisory Council and Asean Youth,” the statement said.

Wisma Putra said the 44th and 45th Asean Summits and Related Summits would enable Malaysia to share its perspective and exchange views on various issues.

These include Asean community-building efforts and the Asean Community Vision 2045, regional peace and stability, regional economic integration, green economy, new and emerging technologies, energy transition, food security and Timor-Leste’s progress towards full Asean membership and the bloc’s relations with external partners.

“Malaysia will also articulate its position on the South China Sea and developments in Myanmar, Palestine and the Middle East.”

During the closing ceremony of the 44th and 45th Asean Summits and Related Summits, it said, Laos, as the bloc’s current chair,

will symbolically hand over the Asean chairmanship to Malaysia.

Malaysia will officially assume the Asean chairmanship on Jan 1, 2025.

The prime minister is scheduled to deliver short remarks at the ceremony, outlining Malaysia’s vision as Asean chair, it said.

Anwar will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz, as well as officials from the Prime Minister’s Office, Foreign Ministry, Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry, Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry, Economy Ministry and Youth and Sports Ministry.

Prior to the 44th and 45th Asean Summits and Related Summits, foreign ministers will attend the 58th Asean Ministerial Meeting, 28th Asean Political-Security Community Council Meeting and 35th Asean Coordinating Council Meeting. **Bernama**