

## PHONE CALL

# Anwar, Japan PM Ishiba discuss tariffs, Asean collaboration, bilateral ties

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim discussed the United States' reciprocal tariffs and their impact on the global economy with his Japanese counterpart, Shigeru Ishiba, in a phone call yesterday.

The prime minister, during the call that took place after a state

welcome for Chinese President Xi Jinping at Istana Negara here, emphasised that Malaysia had held discussions with Asean leaders and expressed a shared consensus and unity in continuing negotiations with the US on the matter.

He said Malaysia also conveyed

its appreciation for Japan's interest and willingness to collaborate in developing the Asean Power Grid network.

"We also discussed the progress of Malaysia-Japan bilateral cooperation, including the development of new energy sectors, such as hydrogen involving

Petronas and the Sarawak government," Anwar said in a Facebook post.

The prime minister added that the Malaysia-Japan relationship would continue to remain strong, built on mutual respect, trust and a long-term commitment across various strategic

sectors.

They also discussed the recent earthquake in Myanmar.

"Malaysia extended its condolences over the loss of Japanese lives in the tragedy, and values Japan's efforts in contributing to the rebuilding of the affected country," he added.