

'SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE'

Anwar says Thai PM committed to boosting relations

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said his Thai counterpart Paetongtarn Shinawatra, has a strong commitment to deepening relations between the two countries.

He said he had conveyed his appreciation to Paetongtarn for this at their meeting in Bangkok.

"We welcomed progress on agreements, particularly efforts to boost growth in northern Malaysia and southern Thailand," he said in a Facebook post.

"With Thailand Malaysia's sixth-largest trading partner and total trade exceeding US\$25 billion last year, these initiatives will help us reach our US\$30 billion target by 2027.

"To this end, we agreed to accelerate key projects, including the new Rantau Panjang-Sungai Golok bridge and flood-mitigation work along Sungai Golok."

Anwar said he and Paetongtarn witnessed a "significant milestone" with the signing of the Friendship Bridge construction agreement by their ministers.

"Our discussion touched on US tariffs. We reaffirmed our commitment to addressing the issue through Asean."

The Friendship Bridge is the Second Rantau Panjang-Sungai Golok Bridge, which will be completed in 2028.

The cost will be borne equally by both governments.





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Datuk Seri
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greeting Thai
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Paetongtarn
Shinawatra in
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