

Chinese president's visit places M'sia firmly on global stage: PM

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed Malaysia's appreciation to Chinese President Xi Jinping for placing the nation firmly on the global stage through his recent state visit.

In a post on his Facebook page, Anwar highlighted the significance of

Xi's visit amid rising global uncertainties, describing it as a concerted effort to forge stronger bilateral ties.

"China is not here to exert pressure, but to deepen ties that have existed for centuries while exploring new opportunities to reinforce our friendship.

"Malaysia, for its part, will do all it can to advance this shared

commitment on behalf of the broader Asian and Asean family, in the pursuit of regional strength and stability."

President Xi arrived in Malaysia on April 15 at the invitation of His Majesty the King of Malaysia Sultan Ibrahim.

Xi's first official visit 12 years ago saw the elevation of Malaysia-China relations to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership level.

His meeting with Anwar at the Seri

Perdana Complex saw discussions on a wide range of topics, including bilateral ties, regional development and international cooperation.

Thirty-one MoUs, agreements and notes between Malaysia and China were also exchanged, signalling renewed momentum and expanded collaboration across multiple sectors.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations on May 31, 1974,

Malaysia and China have maintained a resilient partnership.

China has been Malaysia's largest trading partner since 2009. In 2024, bilateral trade reached RM484.12 billion, representing 16.8% of Malaysia's total global trade.

Xi's visit to Southeast Asia has been viewed as part of Beijing's efforts to position itself as a reliable alternative to the US amid ongoing trade tensions.