

New chapter in Putrajaya-Moscow relations, says Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR: The state visit by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, the King of Malaysia, to Russia marks a new chapter in Malaysia-Russia relations, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The visit is expected to enhance strategic cooperation across various sectors, including bilateral trade, investment, higher education,

technology and innovation as well as people-to-people ties.

"Malaysia has the potential to attract new investments and advanced technologies from Russia, particularly in energy, aerospace, defence and smart agriculture - in line with the Madani Economy framework, which emphasises competitiveness, sustainability and

shared prosperity," Anwar posted on Facebook yesterday.

More significantly, he said the visit reaffirms the role of the monarchy as a respected pillar of national diplomacy, while reinforcing Malaysia's image as a neutral, open and progressive nation on the global stage.

Anwar described the visit as a

historic and significant event as Sultan Ibrahim is the first Malaysian head of state to set foot in Russia for a state visit since diplomatic relations were established in 1967.

"This reflects His Majesty's role as a symbol of national unity and a strategic contributor to strengthening Malaysia's international relations," he said. - Bernama