

# Anwar hails 2025 as year of unity, dialogue

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has marked the conclusion of Malaysia's Asean chairmanship this year, describing it as a period steered by unity and dialogue amid global uncertainty.

"Malaysia bore the responsibility of the Asean chairmanship in 2025, at a time when the world was facing anxiety and uncertainty," he said in a social media post on Monday night.

He added that Asean chose to continue holding fast to the spirit of togetherness, dialogue and mutual respect.

Anwar said the 46th and 47th Asean Summits provided an important platform to unite perspectives and narrow differences among member states.

He highlighted that this year also marked a historic milestone for the bloc, with Timor-Leste being accepted as Asean's newest member.

"Sincere appreciation is extended to all Asean friends and global leaders who attended with wisdom and sincerity in the interest of stability and the shared future of this region," An-

war added.

He also thanked Malaysians for their role throughout the year.

"Thank you to all Malaysians for the support and warm hospitality extended to our guests

throughout the year.

"This chairmanship has positioned Malaysia as a trusted partner in efforts to preserve peace, stability and hope in the region," said Anwar, concluding: "May it endure, *insyaAllah*."

The statement accompanied a video highlighting key moments during the 47th Asean Summit, including the signing of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Asean 2045 and the ex-

change of a Joint Development Agreement between Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore.

The video also featured major multilateral engagements, such as the 2nd Asean-GCC Summit, the inaugural Asean-GCC-China Summit and the 16th Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Summit.

It concluded with scenes from the formal handover of the Asean chairmanship for 2026 to the Philippines.

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