

PM TO HIGHLIGHT GREEN ENERGY IN UAE

PM showcasing nation's experience in advancing sustainable energy



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MALAYSIA'S role as the 2025 Asean chair will come to the fore at the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW).

The event, which brings together global leaders, climate experts and policymakers, will see Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim showcase Malaysia's experience and perspectives on advancing sustainable energy sources.

Anwar will participate in a plenary session and engage in a dialogue titled "Asean Intercon-

nected Future: Linking Energy, Trade and Prosperity" as part of his working visit to the UAE from today to Jan 14.

He will participate in the ADSW opening ceremony and the Zayed Sustainability Prize awards ceremony with other heads of state and government from Africa, Asia, Central Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

ADSW is the first major event in the global sustainability calendar, which sees leaders discuss ways to accelerate the transition to a sustainable economy and find solutions for socio-economic growth.

Anwar's visit is at the invitation of UAE Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Anwar will be accompanied by Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir.

Anwar is scheduled to have audiences with UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and his Emirati counterpart to strengthen bilateral relations and enhance cooperation in fields of mutual interest.

Wisma Putra, in a statement, said apart from regional and global issues of importance, the discussions would focus on key sectors such as renewable energy, food and energy security, artificial intelligence and data centres.

It said Anwar, on the sidelines of the ADSW, will witness the signing of the Malaysia-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

"The agreement will open up new avenues for trade, investment and economic cooperation between both countries."

It said as the Asean chair, Anwar will seek to strengthen regional cooperation, particularly in the context of Asean's role in promoting sustainable development and green innovation across Southeast Asia.

On Jan 14, Anwar will depart for London, the United Kingdom, to continue his official engagements.

From January to November 2024, Malaysia's trade with the UAE was valued at RM39.53 billion. In 2023, UAE was Malaysia's second-largest trading partner in the Middle East, with total trade valued at RM39.63 billion.

Malaysia was UAE's fourth-largest trading partner among Asean member states and the 32nd largest globally.