

# Anwar on working visit to UAE

**ABU DHABI:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is on a working visit until tomorrow to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW).

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Anwar's participation in the ADSW is at the invitation of UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who is also the Ruler of Dubai.

Anwar will attend the ADSW opening ceremony and the Zayed Sustainability Prize Awards ceremony with other state and government heads from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

The ADSW 2025 programme will also feature a plenary session in which he will join a dialogue titled "Asean's Interconnected Future: Linking Energy, Trade and Prosperity".

"He is scheduled to have audiences with the President of UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and his Emirati counterpart Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to strengthen bilateral relations."

The meeting is also aimed at enhancing cooperation in various fields of mutual interest such as renewable energy, food and energy security, artificial intelligence and data centres. Regional and global issues of importance are also

expected to be discussed.

On the sidelines of the ADSW, Anwar is scheduled to witness the signing of the Malaysia-UAE Comprehensive Economic partnership agreement.

The deal will open up new avenues for trade as well as investment and economic cooperation between both countries.

As Asean chair for 2025, he will also seek to strengthen regional cooperation, particularly in the context of Asean's role in promoting sustainable development and green innovation across Southeast Asia.

Anwar is accompanied by Home Minister

Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz and Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir.

On Jan 14, Anwar will depart for London to continue his official engagements, furthering Malaysia's global standing and enhancing its strategic relations with key international partners.

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. - Bernama