

'REFORM GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM'

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PM urges BRICS to ensure ethical governance of AI, strengthen multilateralism

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MALAYSIA reiterated its firm stance on the need to strengthen multilateralism, reform the global economic system and ensure ethical governance of artificial intelligence on the first day of the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit held here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, during his intervention session with BRICS leaders, urged the world to move beyond bloc confrontations and geopolitical divisions.

He called for action to be driven by the spirit of cooperation, shared prosperity, and a collective commitment to a fair, safe and inclusive digital future.

"Malaysia takes seriously the scenario of 'geopolitics of tech' — technological development driven by geopolitical interests — which can undermine stability and stifle innovation."

He added that multilateralism was no longer a choice but an urgent necessity to ensure global stability, economic justice and the sovereignty of developing nations often marginalised amid geopolitical and technological shifts.

Outlining Malaysia's approach,



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim attending the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Anwar said that the country chose principled cooperation grounded in justice, inclusivity and universal sovereignty — not confrontation.

He said, as Asean chair, Malaysia was championing an agenda aligned with BRICS' aspirations, including calls for reform of the global trade system towards greater fairness and development-centred policies.

Malaysia also welcomed BRICS' emphasis on the need for AI gov-

ernance rooted in ethical values and universal wellbeing.

In this regard, Malaysia has launched its National AI Roadmap and AI Governance Guidelines, and is now leading efforts to establish the Asean AI Network to boost regional capacity and set common standards.

Anwar said: "Malaysia stands ready to work closely with BRICS and global partners to build a fairer economic system, a safe digital environment and effective

multilateralism for the shared future of humanity."

In his speech, the prime minister also addressed pressing global humanitarian issues, particularly in Gaza and Iran.

"Malaysia urges the world not to remain silent on the humanitarian crimes in Gaza and the atrocities against the people of Iran.

"BRICS must rise as the voice of global justice, reject oppression and uphold human dignity."

This year's BRICS Summit fo-

cus on the role of developing nations in shaping a fairer global economic and digital landscape, with Malaysia's active participation reinforcing its commitment to universal values and international cooperation.

Malaysia's participation in the summit is in its capacity as a BRICS partner country and as the 2025 Asean chair.

Malaysia officially became a BRICS partner country on Jan 1 this year.