

PM to push trade ties at BRICS Summit in Brazil

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will have a packed programme in Brazil with the highlight being his participation in the 17th BRICS Summit.

Malaysia's acting head of mission in Brazil Datuk Mohammad Ali Selamat said the Prime Minister will arrive in the Brazilian capital of Rio de Janeiro today at the invitation of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

He said Anwar will participate in the Presidential Panel session during the BRICS Business Forum.

"The event will be attended by Brazil's president and is expected to include leaders of BRICS member countries," he said in a virtual interview with selected Malaysian media from the Brazilian capital.

The BRICS Business Forum will bring together over 1,000 business leaders, government officials, international organisations and experts from the countries concerned along with other invited nations, to foster economic and international trade cooperation, besides sustainable development.

Held annually on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, the forum aims to offer private sector perspectives to BRICS leaders on tackling shared challenges and advancing common business priorities.

Mohamad Ali said the Prime Minister, who is making his second visit to Brazil, is also scheduled to hold meetings with corporate leaders from Brazil and Malaysia on business and investment opportunities.

He will then attend the 17th BRICS Leaders Summit at the Museum of Modern Art, and deliver Malaysia's national statement during the session on Strengthening Multilateralism, Economic-Financial Affairs and Artificial Intelligence.

Anwar, who earlier concluded official visits to Italy and France, is also scheduled to attend a dinner reception for heads of state and government hosted by President Lula.

On Monday, Anwar will deliver Malaysia's national statement during the session on Environment, The 30th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC-COP30), and Global Health.

"The PM is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with heads of BRICS member and partner countries on the sidelines of the summit," Mohammad Ali said.

"The participation of the Prime Minister provides an opportunity to highlight Malaysia's policies and continued commitment to inclusive and sustainable development, as well as our Asean Chairmanship priorities for 2025," he added.