

# Malaysia backs BRICS call for ethical AI governance

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**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Malaysia has welcomed the BRICS Statement on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance, voicing strong support for a vision of AI that prioritises development over domination, embeds ethics, reduces inequality and respects human dignity.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Malaysia's efforts, including the National Artificial Intelligence Roadmap and AI Governance Guidelines, reflect similar principles.

"As Asean Chair, Malaysia is championing the establishment of an Asean AI Safety Network, a regional initiative to strengthen governance and capacity in this fast-moving domain," he said during the Member State Intervention at the BRICS Leaders' Summit yesterday.

Anwar highlighted the Asean Digital Economy Framework Agreement as a vital platform.

"With the right investment and standards, Asean's digital economy could reach US\$2 trillion by 2030. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to squander," he said.

Underscoring Malaysia's commitment to inclusive growth, Anwar said the future will be shaped by collective resolve, Bernama reported.

"Malaysia stands ready to work with BRICS and other partners for a fairer global economy, a more coherent digital future and a multilateralism that delivers."

He also reiterated Malaysia's position on multilateralism as vital for global stability, shared prosperity and sovereign dignity.

"For multilateralism to endure, it must do more than express common values. It must deliver tangible outcomes and respond to the realities of a world where markets are fragmenting faster than rules can adapt."

Anwar welcomed BRICS' commitment to an inclusive, rules-based trading system.

He added that Malaysia's 2025 Asean Chairmanship theme, "Inclusivity and Sustainability," aligns closely with these priorities.

The BRICS group, which serves as a political and diplomatic coordination forum for countries of the Global South with collaboration across diverse sectors, was initially established by Brazil, Russia, India and China.

It later expanded to include South Africa in 2011, followed by Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in 2023, and Indonesia in 2024.

Malaysia, along with Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Nigeria, Thailand, Vietnam, Uganda and Uzbekistan, was accepted as a BRICS partner country.