



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim holding a bilateral meeting with South African President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa (left row, centre) at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

PM'S 4-DAY VISIT

MALAYSIA, S. AFRICA TO BOOST TECH TIES

Semiconductors, halal. industry, defence and green energy set to anchor new partnerships

JOHANNESBURG

MALAYSIA is committed to boosting economic and technological cooperation

with South Africa, including in the semiconductor sector, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said Malaysia was prepared to finalise and sign several key documents with South Africa, including memoranda of understanding covering economic and industrial cooperation, halal industry, agriculture, green energy, technology, research and education — particularly technical and vocational education and training.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said Malaysia was also look-

ing to enhance cooperation in defence and trade, including beef supply, as well as in science and innovation.

"I have offered space and incentives at the Malaysia Integrated Circuit Design Park to companies from South Africa to participate in Malaysia's semiconductor value chain," he said after paying a courtesy call on South African President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa.

During the meeting, Anwar congratulated South Africa on becoming the first African nation to hold the Group of 20 (G20) presidency.

He said the G20 Presidency theme, "Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability", aligned closely with Malaysia's priorities as Asean chair this year, including boosting disaster resilience, ensuring debt sustainability and financing a just and sustainable energy transition.

Earlier, Anwar held an engagement session with South African Islamic leaders, where he expressed Malaysia's readiness to deepen cooperation in the halal sector across Africa.

This includes the development

of halal certification systems and capacity-building initiatives that would benefit local Muslim communities.

"Today's engagement opened meaningful space for us to exchange views and identify efforts to strengthen the development of the ummah," he said in a social media post.

As a gesture of solidarity, Anwar also presented a special edition Quran with a rehal, along with four boxes of English-language and tajweed-translated Qurans.

Anwar is on a four-day working visit to South Africa to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg at the invitation of Ramaphosa. The two-day summit starts today, with Malaysia participating in its capacity as Asean chair.

Anwar is accompanied by Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa, senior government officials and a Malaysian business delegation.

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