

# Anwar receives unique welcome from Ethiopian PM

**ADDIS ABABA:** Ethiopian Prime Minister Dr Abiy Ahmed Ali, in a unique official welcome, personally drove the vehicle escorting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as he began his working visit to the country.

Upon the arrival of Anwar at Bole International Airport yesterday, Abiy Ahmed surprised him and the delegation by receiving them himself, and both leaders then moved into the Leaders Lounge for a meeting.

Anwar was then driven by his

counterpart to visit the Ethiopian Science Museum, which showcases the Ethiopian history of technological development and innovation.

Anwar was also taken to see "Friendship Park", which is a popular destination for locals and tourists who want to enjoy greenery and beautiful landscapes.

Abiy Ahmed then took Anwar to the Sheraton Addis Hotel to conclude the first day of the trip.

The Ethiopian prime minister also, in a social media post, welcomed

Anwar and his delegation for the three-day official visit.

"Your presence is a true testament to the growing friendship and solidarity between Ethiopia and Malaysia, and it comes at a pivotal moment for our nation."

Also present to welcome Anwar were Foreign Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Amran Mohamed Zin and the Charge d'Affaires of the Malaysian Embassy in Ethiopia Mohd Afandi Abu Bakar.

Anwar was accompanied by

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

The historic visit marks the efforts of Malaysia to enhance relations with the African continent through the African Union headquarters in Ethiopia.

The African Union, which was established in July 2002, is made up of

55 countries and is the representative voice of the continent on the global stage. One of its main roles is to promote international cooperation.

Anwar's visit celebrates the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations that have been established since January 1965.

It also follows the reopening of the Malaysian Embassy in Addis Ababa on Sept 23, 2025, after being closed for 42 years, reinforcing the intent of Malaysia to continue enhancing bilateral relations. - Bernama