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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim held a meeting with FIFA's president, Gianni Infantino, on the sidelines of his official engagement with international leaders here yesterday.

The discussions focused on strengthening the football ecosystem in Malaysia and the Asean region, including initiatives such as the FIFA Arena project, which is expected to act as a catalyst for nurturing local talent and improving national football infrastructure.

Anwar and Infantino also discussed the Asean-FIFA Football Development Agreement, describing it as a strategic step towards positioning the region as a respected force in global football.

"Malaysia will continue to prioritise football development through enhanced facilities, structured training programmes and strategic collaboration with FIFA," said Anwar.

"These efforts are crucial in cultivating a new generation of talented players, strengthening the professional sports ecosystem and establishing the country as a regional hub for football de-

