



Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (sixth from left) and other Asean leaders joining hands for a group photo before the Asean-Japan Summit in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

WELCOMING NEW JAPAN PM

Anwar: Takaichi will add new energy to Asean-Japan ties

KUALA LUMPUR: Asean looks forward to working with Japan under the leadership of new Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi in innovation, clean energy and resilient growth.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the bloc was confident that Takaichi would inject

new energy into the Asean-Japan partnership.

"I am honoured to welcome Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to her first Asean-Japan Summit. We extend our warmest congratulations on your assumption of office.

"Asean looks forward to work-

ing closely with you to advance our shared vision of innovation, clean energy and resilient growth.

"With this spirit, I look forward to hearing the views of my esteemed colleagues as we chart a renewed and forward-looking direction for Asean-Japan cooperation," he said in his opening re-

marks at the 28th Asean-Japan Summit yesterday.

Anwar added that the potential of Asean-Japan cooperation was immense — anchored in trust, driven by shared values, and strengthened by decades of partnership.

Takaichi assumed office last

Tuesday, becoming Japan's first female prime minister.

In Kuala Lumpur, Takaichi is expected to meet Malaysian leaders to explore collaboration in maritime security, economic resilience, green transition and humanitarian affairs under the Asean framework.