



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking on the 'BizTalk' programme, which was aired on CGTN.com yesterday, PIC FROM CGTN

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MALAYSIA EYEING NEW MARKETS, SAYS PM

Multilateral trade, investment links via partnerships sought

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MALAYSIA is strengthening its commitment to multilateralism by opening up more markets through trade and investment partnerships, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

Anwar told China Global Television Network anchor Zheng Junfeng in a recent interview that Malaysia's initial approach to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) had yielded positive results.

This followed an invitation from Chinese President Xi Jinping and has fostered further collaboration.

Anwar said: "We have seen the effectiveness, and we look forward to further collaborating with SCO.

"You can see the broader strategy, including Malaysia's, and I encourage my Asean colleagues to open up trade and investment relations and broaden the market base.

"We have Asean, and we have Asean+, that is with China, South Korea, Japan and others. But it's more important to have new mechanisms, new engagements, such as SCO and BRICS."

On the Asean Summit next month, he said leaders from Brazil, South Africa, Italy and Canada will participate in the

event, which he described as a remarkable step for the region.

Meanwhile, he reiterated Malaysia's commitment to discussing the possibility of extending the East Coast Rail Link project by 25km to the Thai border.

He said Malaysia was well-positioned to benefit from China's success in electric vehicles through Proton's collaboration with Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co Ltd.

Anwar said he has been in discussions with its chairman, Li Shufu, and with support from the Chinese and Malaysian governments, would strengthen cooperation.

"We will launch Geely's major expansion into the automotive city, and it will initially introduce hybrid vehicles and later electric vehicles." **Bernama**