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HANOI: Petroleum Nasional Bhd (PETRONAS) and Vietnam Oil and Gas Group (Petrovietnam) will expedite cooperation in Vietnam's energy sector, encompassing upstream and downstream activities, gas, and renewable energy (RE), says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said with a focus on RE, both countries' oil companies are actively enhancing collaboration in power generation and grid connectivity from Vietnam to Malaysia.

"This initiative aligns with the Asean Power Grid aspiration to strengthen energy security in the region through energy infrastructure integration," he said in a post on his official Facebook page.

Anwar said Malaysia is seriously investing in green energy, including wind-based energy projects in southern Vietnam and major initiatives such as the Gentari-Petrovietnam collaboration.

"This reflects a strategic move to strengthen regional energy security and ensure a more sustainable transition," he said, Bernama reported.

Malaysia and Vietnam, he added, share strong network ties, further reinforced by the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

"This is not just an agreement on paper but a commitment to deepening cooperation in key sectors, namely trade, investment, green energy, digital technology, and regional security."

He said that Malaysia foresees significant potential in the semiconductor industry, artificial intelligence and digital economy



Powering the future: Anwar in discussion with Chinh (right) during his visit to Vietnam for Asean Future Forum 2025. — Bernama

and that it is ready to enhance the integration of supply chains between both countries.

"Malaysian investors have played a key role in Vietnam's economic landscape and we want to see more joint ventures in high-impact projects," he added.

The Prime Minister, who was in Vietnam for a two-day working visit held a breakfast meeting with his counterpart Pham Minh Chinh.

Anwar said at the meeting, Malaysia reaffirmed the importance of maintaining stability in the South China Sea, ensure com-

pliance with international law and expediting negotiations on the Code of Conduct (COC).

On Myanmar, he said Malaysia is pushing for tangible and sustainable progress in implementing the Five-Point Consensus (SPC) to prevent the crisis from worsening.

"Malaysia believes that strong ties between regional countries are key to shared stability and prosperity. We must not simply look back but move forward with clear strategic planning and decisive actions that create tangible, positive impacts for the people

and the economy," he said.

Speaking to the Malaysian media at the end of his visit, the Prime Minister said Asean has no problem reaching a consensus on any issue even though its member countries have different interests and priorities.

He said member countries may have different views on certain matters, but it has not caused tension or a break in their relations.

"While member states will take the approach deemed important to their respective list of priorities, to reach Asean consensus is equally important."