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Australian High Commissioner calls on Deputy Prime Minister

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Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, HE Andrew Goledzinowski, today paid a courtesy call on Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. He arrived at the Deputy Prime Minister's office in Putrajaya at 10am Thursday (31 May), with the meeting lasting about one hour.

They discussed warm Australia-Malaysia ties and wide scope for cooperation – including on gender equality and women's empowerment.

"It was a privilege to meet Datuk Seri Wan Azizah and I congratulated her on her appointment as Malaysia's first female Deputy Prime Minister."

"We are looking forward to continuing to work with Malaysia to further deepen the relationship between our two nations", Goledzinowski said.

Australia and Malaysia have a strong and dynamic relationship founded on common interests, mutual respect and a shared stake in the security and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region.

Australia first established a diplomatic presence in Malaysia in 1955. Since then, our relationship has grown, anchored by our cooperation during World war II, the Malayan Emergency and Confrontation, and consolidated by strong people-to-people links fostered through education, business, migration and tourism. In 2015, the relationship was elevated to a strategic partnership, reflecting the enduring nature of our bilateral ties.

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