
JAPAN, MALAYSIA AGREE TO DEEPEN TIES OVER SECURITY, ENERGY

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Japan and Malaysia agreed at their summit on Friday to strengthen ties to ensure regional security based on the rule of law and build robust supply chains, seeking to cement their "strategic" partnership as China expands its influence in Asia and beyond.

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim confirmed in Malaysia their coordination toward achieving peace and security in the East and South China seas and the Middle East.

"It is one of the utmost priorities for Japan's diplomacy to deepen ties" with Malaysia and other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Ishiba said during a joint press appearance with his Malaysian counterpart.

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