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EXCELLENT TIES WITH BRITAIN TO CONTINUE, SAYS ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, May 2 (Bernama) -- Malaysia believes that the excellent bilateral relations with Britain will continue with the election of Tony Blair as the new British Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today.

"We welcome the decision of the British public," he said at a news conference to announce the name of the new Selangor Menteri Besar at his office, here.

"I believe that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is looking forward to an early meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair," he said when asked to comment on the election of the Labour Party leader.

Dr Mahathir, currently on an official visit to Africa, is scheduled to visit Britain later this month to promote the Multimedia Super Corridor.

Anwar congratulated Blair, 43, who is the youngest British prime minister for nearly 200 years.

The Labour Party won the British general election with an absolute majority in the 659-seat House of Commons, crushing the ruling Conservative Party which had been in power for 18 years. -- BERNAMA

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