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FORMER PAS PRESIDENT CONFIDENT OF ANWAR'S LEADERSHIP

PULAU PINANG, May 14 (Bernama) -- Former Pas president Haji Yusoff Rawa today expressed confidence that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would be able to carry out his duties effectively as acting Prime Minister.

He described Anwar as a leader whose leadership style was the best in Umno.

"It surprises me not if Anwar becomes Prime Minister for he has the qualities to hold such office," he said when met at his home, here.

Yusoff said he knew Anwar since Anwar was a student leader during his university days.

When Anwar became ABIM president, they became close and in fact, they attended the World Islamic Youth conference in Libya together.

He was commenting on Anwar's appointment as acting Prime Minister for two months beginning Monday during the absence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will be going on leave.

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