

Premier pays last respects to former president of China

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim paid his last respects to the late former Chinese president Jiang Zemin at the Chinese Embassy yesterday.

Anwar also signed the condolence book and commended Jiang's achievements and contribution in

playing an extraordinary role in navigating and strengthening China's relations with Malaysia in particular, and Asean in general, during his tenure from 1993 to 2003.

"It is with great sorrow and sadness to hear about the passing of former president His Excellency Jiang Zemin.

"On behalf of the government of Malaysia and its people, please accept our profound condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the government and people of the People's Republic of China.

"He will always be remembered for his outstanding leadership and legacy during China's reform, opening up and

modernisation process.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family of the late H. E Jiang Zemin as well as to the people of the People's Republic of China, in this moment of loss of an outstanding statesman," wrote the prime minister in the condolence book at the embassy. - Bernama