



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arriving in Bangkok yesterday for a two-day official visit.

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PM a crowd-puller abroad because of populist approach, says Zambry

BANGKOK: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's populist approach is why he is respected and always a crowd-puller on the international stage, especially on official visits overseas.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Kadir said Anwar's popularity was evident during his recent official visits to Indonesia, Brunei and Singapore, where he was warmly welcomed by the Malaysian diaspora and locals.

He said Anwar, who was an internationalist, especially in Asean, and adept in Islamic af-

fairs and international relations, makes him popular and respected. Citing Anwar's official visit to Indonesia, Zambry said many came to hear his speech because he was held in high esteem by the international community, especially in Asean.

"During his official visit, he (Anwar) will seek out Malaysians to hear their views.

"At the same time, he will give his views on the state of affairs in Malaysia," Zambry said ahead of the prime minister's official visit to Thailand.

Anwar is on a two-day visit to Thailand to meet his counterpart, Prayuth Chan o-cha, to discuss the way forward in strengthening the multifaceted cooperation between Malaysia and Thailand.

Anwar is set to perform Friday prayers at the Islamic Centre of Thailand with 1,000 Muslims.

"The Muslim community here is also excited with the prime minister's official visit, which is a good sign in terms of the countries' bilateral relationship," he said. **Bernama**