



Anwar being-welcomed by the Brunei Crown Prince at the airport yesterday. -BERNAMAPIC

Anwar arrives in Bandar Seri Begawan for official visit

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arrived here yesterday for a two-day official visit to Brunei.

Anwar was accompanied by his wife Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail for his second official visit abroad since becoming prime minister.

The special aircraft carrying the couple landed at Brunei International Airport at 3.13pm

He was greeted on arrival by Brunei Crown Prince Pengiran Muda

Mahkota Al-Muhtadee Billah Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

An official welcome ceremony was held at the airport in conjunction with his visit.

Negaraku, Malaysia's national anthem, was played followed by Brunei's national anthem, *Allah Peliharakan Sultan*. The prime minister then inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

Present were Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Openg, Sabah

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, Foreign Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Arnran Mohamed Zin and the Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei Datuk Raja Reza Raja Zaib Shah.

Anwar is scheduled to have an audience with the Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, at Istana Nurul Iman today followed by a four-eyed meeting between both leaders.

At the meeting, the two leaders are expected to assess the progress of ongoing cooperation, further strengthen relations, as well as venture into fresh cooperation in common interest fields.

The Brunei Sultan and Anwar will also witness the signing of an MoU between the Malaysian Investment Development Authority and the Brunei Investment Agency.

Anwar is also scheduled to attend a dinner with the Malaysian diaspora in Brunei. - Bernama