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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent greetings to President Dr Thomas Klestil of Austria on the occasion of the republic's National Day.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to the federal chancellor of the republic, Dr Franz Vranitzky.

In his message, Dr Mahathir said that Vranitzky's recent visit to Malaysia has provided the impetus in efforts to further strengthen the close and friendly relations between the two countries.

"I hope that our peoples will strive to cement the close cooperation established during the visit and by working together they can help to improve the economic climate between Malaysia and Austria," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also send greetings to his counterpart, Wolfgang Schuessel. -- BERNAMA

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