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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO KING OF THAILAND

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand on the occasion of his 69th birthday and the National Day of Thailand.

A Wisma Putra statement said that in his message, Tuanku Ja'afar expressed the hope that the close relations and cooperation existing between the two countries would continue to strengthen and develop for mutual benefit in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a message to his counterpart, Chavalit Yongchaiyudh.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia valued the close and friendly ties with Thailand and hoped the excellent cooperation between the two governments would continue in the foreseeable future.

He also congratulated Chavalet for his appointment as a new Prime Minister of Thailand.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent a message to his counterpart, Prachuab Chaiyasarn. Abdullah also congratulated Prachuab for his appointment as the new Thai Foreign Minister. -- BERNAMA

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