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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO VENEZUELA

KUALA LUMPUR, July 5 (corrected) (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Jaa'far has sent a congratulatory message to Venezuelan President Dr Rafael Caldera on the occasion of his country's 185th Independence Day today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to Dr Caldera, said he believed bright prospects exist for the enhancement of the cordial ties between the two countries and hoped they could work together to expand economic cooperation.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a message to his Venezuelan counterpart Dr Miguel Angel Burelli Rivas. -- BERNAMA

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