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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO NORWEGIAN KING

KUALA LUMPUR, May 16 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, sent greetings to the Norwegian King Harald V on the occasion of Norway's Constitutional Day today.

In his message, Tuanku Jaa'far extended his heartiest congratulations and best wishes for King Harald's good health and the prosperity of the people of Norway, a Wisma Putra statement here says.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in similar greetings to his counterpart, Mrs Harlem Brundtland, said Malaysia and Norway had always enjoyed excellent relations.

"I believe there is scope for the further expansion of our trade and economic relations in the future. I do hope we can work closely together to enhance and consolidate our bilateral relations," he added.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi, in his message to Norwegian Foreign Affairs Minister Bjorn Tore Godal, said he was confident that the close and cordial ties of friendship and understanding between the two countries would be further enhanced in the future. -- BERNAMA

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