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GREETINGS TO MARK URUGUAY'S NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to President Dr Julio Maria Sanguinetti on the 171st anniversary of Uruguay's Independence Day tomorrow.

Their Majesties expressed the hope that the South American country and its people would continue to enjoy peace, progress and prosperity.

"We recall with fond memories your recent state visit to Malaysia which has fostered closer bonds of friendship between Malaysia and Uruguay," said Tuanku Ja'afar.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a message to Sanguinetti, hoped that Uruguay would experience continued progress and socio-economic advancement in the future.

He hoped the visit by Sanguinetti would translate into closer cooperation between both sides.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent a similar message to his counterpart, Alvaro Ramos Trigo. -- BERNAMA

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