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KING SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO QUEEN BEATRIX

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 April (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, has sent a congratulatory message to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands on the occasion of her birthday today.

In the message, he hoped the friendship between their two countries and peoples will continue to strengthen in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his Dutch counterpart Mr Wim Kok, hoped their countries can explore ways to further increase the scope of their economic cooperation.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a message to his counterpart Mr H.A.F.M.O. Van Mierlo. -- BERNAMA

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