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KING SENDS GREETINGS TO COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 19 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to Colombian President Dr Ernesto Samper Pizano on the occasion of the republic's 186th Independence Day.

"On this auspicious occasion, the Raja Permaisuri joins us in extending to Your Excellency our warmest congratulations and sincere good wishes for your continued wellbeing and for the progress and prosperity of Colombia," Tuanku Jaa'far said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to the Colombian president, said he believed there were good prospects for strengthening bilateral relations and hoped to work together to expand the scope of their relations in the years ahead.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to his countrerpart Maria Emma Mejia, said he was confident that the bilateral relations would continue to develop and he looked forward to working closely with Mejia in the international arena especially in the Non-Aligned Movement. -- BERNAMA

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