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KINGS SENDS GREETINGS TO SINGAPORE PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Jaafar has sent a congratulatory message to Singapore President Ong Teng Cheong on the occasion of the republic's National Day.

The King said he and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah hoped that the friendly relations and close cooperation between Malaysia and Singapore would continue to develop and expand.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his message to his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong, said good relations and cooperation between the two neighbours were essential ingredients for a harmonious relationship.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that Malaysia and Singapore could continue to work closely in many areas for the mutual benefit of the two countries and peoples.

Dr Mahathir said the people of Singapore could take great pride in their success and achievements due largely to their industrious nature and to their Government's sound policies and strong leadership.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in his message to Singapore Law and Foreign Affairs Minister Professor S.Jayakumar, expressed confidence that the close bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened.

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