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MALAYSIA CONGRATULATES CHINA ON ITS ANNIVERSARY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to President Jiang Zemin on the occasion of the 47th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China tomorrow.

His Majesty hoped that the existing close and friendly relations between the two countries would continue to flourish, according to Wisma Putra today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to Chinese Premier Li Peng, said he was happy that Malaysia and China were cooperating very well in numerous ventures.

He noted that from his recent visit to China that the country had made great strides in its economic development and the people were prosperous and enjoying a high standard of living.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a similar message to Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, who is also the Vice Premier.

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