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RAMOS SENDS NATIONAL DAY GREETINGS TO MALAYSIA

MANILA, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- President Fidel Ramos today sent greetings to the leaders and people of Malaysia on the occasion of their national day tomorrow.

In a message to Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, Ramos pledged to work closely with Malaysia "towards enhancing and strengthening our pursuit of peace, stability and development in Southeast Asia".

He sent a separate congratulatory message to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, stating that Malaysia was one of the Philippines' most important trading partners.

"The continuing upward trend in political and socio-economic exchanges between our countries is a concrete manifestation of renewed cooperation between us," he said. -- BERNAMA

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