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Message

ROYAL GREETINGS FOR PRESIDENT RAMOS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to President Fidel Ramos on the occasion of the 98th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

"The Raja Permaisuri Agong joins me in extending to Your Excellency and the people of the Philippines our warmest felicitations and best wishes on the auspicious occasion of the 98th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence", he said in his message.

He was confident that the Philippines would continue to enjoy greater progress and prosperity under President Ramos' able guidance.

His Majesty also hoped that the excellent relations and cooperation between Malaysia and the Philippines would continue to be further strengthened in the years to come.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a message to President Ramos and the people of the Philippines.

Dr Mahathir was confident the people of the Philippines would enjoy continued peace and further progress under President Ramos' able leadership.

" I hope the foundation we have laid for further cooperation between us will come to fruition in the not too distant future," the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir was certain increased trade and economic cooperation between Malaysia and the Philippines would lead to mutual prosperity, harmony and everlasting happiness for the people of both countries.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a message to the Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Domingo Siazon Jr.

Abdullah hoped Malaysia and the Philippines would continue to work closely to further enhance and strengthen ties for their mutual benefit. --

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