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ROYAL GREETINGS TO CANADA'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL

KUALA LUMPUR, July 1 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent his best wishes to Governor-General of Canada Romeo Le Blanc on the occasion of Canada Day today.

Tuanku Ja'afar also wished the people of Canada progress and prosperity, Wisma Putra said in a statement.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar message to his Canadian counterpart Jean Chretien.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that Canada would achieve greater success in the future.

He said Malaysia and Canada had enjoyed close and cordial ties and hoped that both nations expand into other areas of cooperation that would be mutually beneficial.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in a message to his Canadian counterpart Lloyd Axworthy, hoped the existing cordial and friendly relations between the two nations would be further strengthened in the future. -- BERNAMA

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