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AGONG AND QUEEN SEND GREETINGS TO BHUTAN KING

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated King Jigme Singye Wongchuck on the occasion of Bhutan's National Day.

In his congratulatory message, Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah wished the government and people of Bhutan continued peace and prosperity, Wisma Putra said in a statement.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar greeting to King Wongchuck, expressed the hope that the existing friendly and cordial relations between Malaysia and Bhutan would be strengthened in the coming years.

Also for the occasion, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi sent a similar message to his counterpart Lyonpo Dawa Tsering.--

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