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KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has congratulated the Governor General of Solomon Islands, Moses Pitakaka on the occasion of his country's independence anniversary.

"On the auspicious and memorable occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Solomon Islands, the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah joins me in extending to Your Excellency and the people of Solomon Islands, warmest felicitations and best wishes," he said.

Tuanku Ja'afar also hoped that the existing ties of friendship and co-operation between the Malaysia and the Solomon Islands would continue to be strengthened.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Solomon Mamaloni on the occasion.

"I earnestly hope that the friendly relations and excellent bilateral co-operation will be strengthened further in the coming years for the mutual benefit and prosperity of our peoples," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in a message to his counterpart David Sitai said he was confident that the cordial ties and close co-operation between Malaysia and Solomon Islands would continue to be further enhanced for the benefit of the two countries. -- BERNAMA

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