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AGONG EXTENDS GREETINGS ON 99th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILIPPINES

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have extended their greetings to President Fidel Ramos on the occasion of the 99th Independence anniversary of the Philippines.

"We are confident that, relations between our two countries will continue to be further enhanced and consolidated for mutual benefit," said Tuanku Ja'afar in his message.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed also sent a message to Ramos.

Dr Mahathir said under Ramos' leadership, the Philippines had achieved remarkable economic progress and he was confident that the continued prosperity would be sustained in the future.

He said that bilateral relations have progressed steadily over the years and he hoped that the two countries can continue to work together to further strengthen the ties.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a similar message to Philippines Foreign Affairs Secretary Domingo L Siazon Jr. --

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