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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO GIDADA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah today sent a congratulatory message to Ethiopian President Negaso Gidada on the occasion of the republic's National Day.

In his message, the King extended best wishes for Gidada's good health and continued progress and prosperity of the Ethiopian people.

" We are confident the close bilateral relations between our two countries will be further strengthened in the best interest of our people," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent similar greetings to his Ethiopian counterpart Meles Zenawi.

" I trust our two governments will continue to cooperate and work closely to further strengthen the warm and friendly relations between our two countries," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a message to his Ethiopian counterpart Seyoum Mesfin. -- BERNAMA

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