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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO KIRIBATI

KUALA LUMPUR, July 11 (Bernama) -- The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to Kiribati on the occasion of the country's Independence Day today.

In their message to President Teburoro Tito, they wished the country, an island nation in the Pacific, and its people would continue to enjoy peace and prosperity in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his message to Tito hoped that bilateral ties between Malaysia and Kiribati would continue to grow for the benefit of the people of both countries.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in his message to Tito, who is also Foreign Minister, hoped that existing bilateral relations would continue to prosper for the benefit of the two countries. -- BERNAMA

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