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AGONG SENDS INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE TO FIJI PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to President Ratu Sir Kamisese Kapawai Tuimacilai Mara of Fiji on the occasion of its Independence Day.

According to a statement issued by Wisma Putra here today, Tuanku Ja'afar, in his message, expressed confidence that the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened.

Wisma Putra said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his counterpart Sitiveni L. Rabuka, hoped that the close and cordial relationship between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead for mutual benefits.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent a similar message to Fiji's Foreign Affairs and External Trade Minister Berenado Vunibobo, Wisma Putra said. -- BERNAMA

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