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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO TONGA KING

KUALA LUMPUR, June 3 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV of Tonga on the occasion of Tonga's National Day.

According to a statement issued by Wisma Putra here today, Tuanku Ja'afar extended best wishes and warmest congratulations for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Tonga.

"May the existing ties of friendship and cooperation between our two countries and peoples continue to be further strengthened in the years ahead for mutual benefit," said Tuanku Ja'afar in his message.

In a similar message to Tonga Prime Minister Baron Vaea, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he is confident the existing ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries will be further enhanced in future.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also extended similar greetings to Tonga Foreign Affairs and Defence Minister, Crown Prince Tupouto'a. -- BERNAMA

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