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AGONG SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO NEPALI KING

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent birthday greetings to King Birendra of Nepal on the occasion of his anniversary tomorrow.

Tuanku Ja'afar expressed the hope that the close and friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

"We wish for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Nepal and for Your Majesty's continued good health and well-being," said Tuanku Ja'afar in his message released by Wisma Putra.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also conveyed congratulations to their counterparts, Surya Bahadur Thapa and Kamal Thapa respectively, for the occasion. -- BERNAMA

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