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CHINESE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES M'SIA ON NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31 (Bernama) -- Chinese President Jiang Zemin congratulated Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today in conjunction with Malaysia's 40th National Day.

In a statement released by the Chinese Embassy here, Jiang Zemin said he was glad that Malaysia had attained universally acknowledged achievements in the fields of economic growth and social development after 40 years of independence.

He said since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries, remarkable progress had been witnessed in the friendly relations and cooperation.

Chinese Premier Li Peng, in a message to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said he was convinced that through the joint efforts of both countries, more fruitful achievements would be attained in the fields of economy and trade, science and technology and culture.

"I heartily rejoice in the tremendous successes your country has achieved in the fields of economic growth and social development after 40 years of independence," said Li Peng, who made an official visit here recently,

Chinese Vice Premier Qian Qichen sent similar message to his counterpart Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. -- BERNAMA

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