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AGONG, MAHATHIR EXTEND GREETINGS TO VIETNAMESE LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to Vietnam's President Le Duc Anh on the occasion of the republic's National Day.

In his message, the King hoped the existing close and friendly ties between the peoples of the two countries continue to grow and develop in the coming years.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his counterpart Vo Van Kiet, said he was glad that bilateral relations are progressing well and that the peoples of both countries are cooperating satisfactorily in the trade and economic fields.

"I hope that the coming year will witness more cooperative endeavours between them for our mutual benefit and prosperity," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in a similar message to his counterpart Nguyen Manh Cam, said he was confident that the close bilateral relations would be further strengthened and expanded in the years ahead.

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