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PM thanks public for Merdeka cards

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today thanked the people who sent him greeting cards on the occasion of Malaysia's 40th National Day.

"I have received many greeting cards from members of the public. I have tried to reply to all but there are too many. So I would just like to thank everyone," he told reporters.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir received a Merdeka card signed by 267 students of Kolej Yayasan Saad in Malacca. The card, addressed to the Prime Minister and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was hand-delivered by college principal Ramli Maidin who was accompanied by 40 students.

Meanwhile, congratulatory messages kept pouring in.

Tonga Prime Minister Baron Vaea in his congratulatory message to Dr Mahathir prayed that prosperity and peace in Malaysia would prevail.

Tuvalu Prime Minister Bikenibeu Paeniu in a similar message said his country valued the cordial relations between the two countries and looked forward to collaborating in training and education.

DAP secretary general Lim Kit Siang in his National Day message urged the Government to launch an "IT For All" campaign.

Aliran president P. Ramakrishnan said everyone should be grateful that Malaysians were by and large tolerant, caring, hardworking and innovative.

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