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Royal couple extend Waitangi Day wishes

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today wished New Zealand Governor-General Sir Michael Hardie Boys and the people of New Zealand prosperity in conjunction with Waitangi Day tomorrow.

The King, together with Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah, extended their warmest greetings and felicitations.

"We are confident that the close ties of friendship and co-operation between Malaysia and New Zealand will continue to develop in the years ahead," the King said.

Joining in extending the congratulatory message was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He wished the people of New Zealand another year of good economic growth and prosperity.

"I am pleased with the growing economic cooperation between our two countries.

"I hope to continue working closely with you to enhance and further strengthen our bilateral ties," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi similarly extended his congratulations to Boys on the auspicious occasion.

He said he looks forward to enhanced bilateral relations between Malaysia and New Zealand.

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