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AGONG CONGRATULATES CYPRUS AND TUVALU

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated Cyprus President Glafeos Clerides and Tuvalu Governor-General Dr Tomasi Puapua on the occasion of the Independence Day of their respective countries tomorrow.

In his message to Clerides, Tuanku Ja'afar conveyed best wishes for the peace, progress and prosperity of Cyprus and congratulated him on the victory in the recent presidential election.

To Dr Puapua, his majesty expressed hoped the existing ties between the two countries would be further strengthened for mutual benefit.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to Clerides, expressed confidence that the existing cordial relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries could be enhanced.

To his Tuvalu counterpart Bikenibeu Paeniu, Dr Mahathir said he looked forward to working with him to expand the scope of friendly relations into various fields that would benefit the people of the two countries.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent similar messages to Paeniu, who is also the Tuvalu Foreign Affairs Minister and his Cyprus counterpart Ioannia Kasoulides.

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