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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have congratulated President Ratu Sir Kamisese Kapawai Tuimacilai Mara on the occasion of Fiji's Independence Day today.

Tuanku Ja'afar in his congratulatory message expressed hope that the long-established ties, friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further enhanced, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his Fijian counterpart Sitiveni Rabuka, said he was confident that the close and friendly relations between the two countries would continue to be further strengthened in the years ahead.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia valued her friendship with Fiji and Rabuka's recent visit to Malaysia had enhanced bilateral ties.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a similar message to Fiji's Foreign Affairs and External Trade Minister Berenado Vunibobo, the Wisma Putra statement added.

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