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AGONG CONGRATULATES SWITZERLAND ON NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, has congratulated Swiss President Flavio Cotti on the occasion of the country's National Day tomorrow.

In a statement released by Wisma Putra, Tuanku Ja'afar also extended his wishes for the good health of Cotti and for the well-being of Switzerland and its people.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a message to Cotti, said he was confident that the people of Switzerland would continue to enjoy peace and prosperity in the coming years.

"I am hopeful that the warm, cordial and friendly relations between our two countries could be further developed particularly in the area of trade and economic relations for the mutual benefit of our two peoples," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in a message to Cotti who is also Switzerland's Foreign Affairs Minister, said there was much confidence that the warm and cordial relations between Malaysia and Switzerland would continue to grow.

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