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AGONG CONGRATULATES TURKISH PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, has congratulated Turkish President Suleyman Demirel on the occasion of that country's 75th National Day.

Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah extended warm greetings and sincere felicitations to the president and the people of Turkey, a Wisma Putra statement, here, says.

"We take this opportunity to also convey that the government of Malaysia and its people look forward to much closer relations with Turkey in the spirit of Islamic brotherhood and cooperation," he said

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his Turkish counterpart, Mesut Yilmaz, expressed the hope that the momentous occasion would further inspire the people of Turkey to strive forward to attain greater progress and prosperity in the coming years.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister Ismail Cem expressed the hope that both countries would continue to expand their bilateral relations.

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