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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO MALDIVES

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives on the occasion of the republic's Independence Day anniversary tomorrow.

According to a Wisma Putra statement issued here today, the royal couple, in their message, expressed hope that the good relations between Malaysia and the Maldives would continue to flourish.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a message to President Maumoon.

Dr Mahathir congratulated Maldives for its achievements in receiving awards from the World Tourism Organisation last year and the World Health Organisation this year.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent a message to his counterpart, Fathulla Jameel.

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