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CHINESE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES M'SIA ON NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Chinese President Jiang Zemin has congratulated Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar on the occasion of Malaysia's 41st National Day on Monday.

In a statement released by the Chinese Embassy here today, he said Malaysia's remarkable achievements in various fields of economic growth through industrious work in the past 41 years, had won the deep admiration of the Chinese people.

He said the exchange and cooperation in various fields between Malaysia and China were being further expanded and strengthened.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, in a message to Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said he was convinced that Malaysia could overcome the temporary difficulties brought about by the East Asian financial crisis and get back on the track of sound economic growth under Dr Mahathir's leadership.

Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Tang Jiaxuan sent a similar message to his counterpart Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

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