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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO FINNISH PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today sent a congratulatory message to Finnish President Marti Ahtisaari on the occasion of Finland's National Day tomorrow.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to his Finnish counterpart, Paavo Lipponen.

Dr Mahathir said he was confident that the close and cooperative ties of friendship and understanding between the two countries and peoples would further strengthen in the future.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a message to his counterpart, Tarja Haponen.

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