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DR MAHATHIR CONGRATULATES NEW PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has sent a congratulatory message to Paraguay President Raul Cubas Grau on the occasion of his inauguration as president.

Dr Mahathir said he was confident that Paraguay will continue to enjoy political stability and economic prosperity under Cubas' distinguished leadership.

"I look forward to working closely with you to further enhance the existing cordial relations and cooperation between Malaysia and Paraguay," he said in his message a copy of which was released by Wisma Putra today.

A 54-year-old engineer, Cubas succeeds Juan Carlos Wasmosy for a five-year term.

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