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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO ITALIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 1 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro in conjunction with the 52nd anniversary of Italy's National Day.

According to a Wisma Putra statement issued here, His Majesty, in his message, expressed hope that the existing cordial relations and co-operation between Malaysia and Italy would be enhanced in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a message to his Italian counterpart, Romano Prodi.

Dr Mahathir expressed hope that Italy would continue to enjoy peace, progress and prosperity in the coming years and both countries would continue to cooperate to enhance their close ties.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in a message to Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini, said Malaysia looked forward to further strengthening the existing bilateral relations with Italy and to expand the areas of mutual beneficial co-operation.

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