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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO KING OF NEPAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent greetings to King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal on the occasion on his birthday tomorrow.

According to a Wisma Putra statement issued here today, the royal couple, in their message, expressed hope that the close relationship between Malaysia and Nepal would continue to be strengthened in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a message to his Nepalese counterpart, Girija Prasad Koirala, said he was confident that under the King's continuing reign, the people of Nepal would continue to enjoy greater progress and prosperity.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to Koirala, who is also Nepal's Foreign Affairs Minister, said that he looked forward to working closely with Nepal for the mutual benefit of both countries.

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