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IRAN'S NATIONAL DAY:KING CONGRATULATES KHATAMI

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 10 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated President Seyed Mohammad Khatami on the occasion of Iran's 19th National Day.

The Foreign Ministry said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar congratulatory message to Khatami saying he was pleased that Malaysia-Iran ties have been progressing steadily.

"I would like to reaffirm our commitment to work together on our cooperative endeavours," Dr Mahathir said.

Wisma Putra said in a statement that Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also congratulated his counterpart Kamal Kharrazi on the occasion.

In his message Abdullah said he was convinced that existing close relations and cooperation between both countries would continue in the years to come for mutual benefits. -- BERNAMA

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