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King and PM send greetings to Vietnam

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated Vietnamese president Tran Duc Luong on the country's 53rd national day tomorrow.

"We are pleased that bilateral relations and cooperation between Malaysia and Vietnam have strengthened."

"We are confident that the existing close ties of friendship will continue to be enhanced further for the benefit of our two countries and people," he said in a Press statement released by Wisma Putra.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was pleased with the cooperation and understanding between Malaysia and Vietnam at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

"I hope we can continue to work together to expand the scope of our cooperation in various areas of mutual interest," he said in a message to his counterpart Phan Van Khai.

In a similar message, Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi told his counterpart Nguyen Mahn Cam that the relations between Malaysia and Vietnam had been strengthened in many areas.

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