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KING CONGRATULATES CANADIAN GOVERNOR-GENERAL

KUALA LUMPUR, June 30 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, has sent a congratulatory message to Canadian Governor-General Le Blanc on the occasion of Canada Day tomorrow.

In his message Tuanku Ja'afar extended his best wishes for the progress and prosperity of the people of Canada.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his counterpart, Jean Chretien, said he was confident that the people of Canada would continue to enjoy the fruits of their country's impressive economic growth and prosperity in the years to come.

He said Malaysians had benefitted tremendously from their close social and economic ties with Canada.

"I do hope these friendly ties and cooperation between our two countries will continue in the foreseeable future," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to his counterpart Llyod Axworthy, said he looked forward to continue working with Axworthy to further strengthen and develop the relationship between the two countries.

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