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KING CONGRATULATES URUGUAY'S PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated Uruguay President Dr Julio Maria Sanguinetti on the occasion of the country's 173rd Independence Day.

Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah extended warm facilitations and good wishes for the president's and the Uruguayan people's continued peace and progress in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to Sanguinetti, said he hope Malaysia and Uruguay could build on the relationship and expand the scope of bilateral ties into other areas of cooperation.

He recalled his visit to the country last year and the useful discussions the two countries had on further developing the relations between Malaysia and Uruguay.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a similar message to his counterpart Dr Didier Opperti Badan.

Abdullah said he looked forward to working closely with Badan to strengthen the existing excellent bilateral relations between both countries for mutual benefits.

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