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King sends National Day greetings to Italy

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro on the occasion of Italy's 52nd National Day tomorrow.

In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry, the King extended his best wishes for Italy's progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar message to his counterpart, Romano Prodi.

"Malaysia and Italy have enjoyed warm and cordial relations and I hope our respective governments will continue to co-operate together to enhance our close ties," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi expressed similar hopes of strengthening bilateral ties in a message to his counterpart, Lamberto Dini.

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