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King sends greetings to Governor-General of Canada

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has extended his best wishes to the Governor-General of Canada Romeo Le Blanc on the occasion of Canada Day today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also extended congratulations to his Canadian counterpart Jean Chretien, saying he was confident the people of Canada would continue to enjoy the fruits of their country's "impressive economic growth" and prosperity in years to come.

"The people of Malaysia have benefited tremendously from their close social and economic ties with Canada," he said, adding that he hoped the friendly ties and co-operation between the two countries would continue.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in a similar message to Canadian counterpart Lloyd Axworthy, said he was happy with the "excellent relations of friendship" between Malaysia and Canada.

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