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KING SENDS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT OF LAOS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message on the national day of Laos on Dec 2 to Laotian President Khamtay Siphandone.

In the message, the King and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah expressed confidence that the existing close relations and excellent cooperation between Malaysia and Laos and their peoples would be further strengthened in the coming years for mutual benefit.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his Laotian counterpart Sisavath Keobounphanh, hoped both governments would continue to cooperate as members of Asean to bring further progress and prosperity to their peoples.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to Loatian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Somsavat Lengsavad, said he looked forward to working closely in developing the relationship for the benefit of the two countries even further in the years ahead.

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