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King, Prime Minister send greetings to Habibie

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Jaafar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message, on behalf of the Malaysian people, to Indonesian President B.J. Habibie in conjunction with the republic's 53rd Independence Day tomorrow.

The King said he was grateful for the good bilateral relations shared between both countries.

"I hope these close ties will be further enhanced and based on the spirit of brotherhood and neighbourliness for our mutual benefit.

"We also pray that you will continue to lead Indonesia towards greater prosperity and economic development. With the help of the Almighty, Indonesia will be able to resolve whatever problems and challenges which it currently faces," he said in a statement released by Istana Negara today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has also sent a similar message to the Indonesian President.

"I am most grateful for the close bilateral ties and co-operation between Malaysia and Indonesia which continues to strengthen from day to day.

"Through our staunch efforts, I am confident this special relationship enjoyed by Malaysians and Indonesians can be further enhanced.

"I also pray that the President and the Indonesian people will continue to be resilient in facing up to the present challenges and always be protected by the Almighty," he said.

A similar message was also sent by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to his Indonesian counterpart Ali Alatas.

Abdullah said he was glad for the close bilateral ties and co-operation that existed between both countries and hoped it could be further enhanced in future.

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