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AGONG, MAHATHIR CONGRATULATE SUHARTO

KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah today congratulated President Suharto of Indonesia for his re-election for the seventh consecutive term.

" I'm confident Suharto will continue to lead the country and the people to greater heights," he said in a statement issued by Wisma Putra.

He said he was confident that Suharto could overcome the economic challenges faced by Indonesia and would prosper in future.

In his congratulatory message, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad expressed confidence that Malaysia and Indonesia would continue with the long established bilateral ties.

" I believe Malaysia and Indonesia will be patient in facing the present challenges and step up efforts to deal with the problems at hand," he said.

Dr Mahathir also called for the enhancement of friendly ties between the two neighbouring countries. -- BERNAMA

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