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MALAYSIA SENDS GREETINGS TO VIETNAM

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah today sent greetings to the President of Vietnam, Tran Duc Luong on the occasion of Vietnam's National Day.

Tuanku Ja`afar, in his message, wished for the continued good health and wellbeing of the Vietnamese head of state, a Foreign Ministry statement says.

"We are pleased that bilateral relations and cooperation between Malaysia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam have been strengthened in recent years.

"We are confident that the existing close ties of friendship will continue to be enhanced further in the coming years for the benefit of our two countries and peoples," Tuanku Ja`afar said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his counterpart, Phan Van Khai, said he was pleased at the level of cooperation and understanding between Malaysia and Vietnam at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

"I hope we can continue to work together to expand the scope of our cooperation into various areas of mutual interest," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent similar greetings to Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Mahn Cam.

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