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Congratulatory messages to China

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to President Jiang Zemin in conjunction with the 49th anniversary of the founding of China tomorrow.

"We recall with fond memories Your Excellency's visit to Malaysia in December last year to attend the Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of Asean and the People's Republic of China.

"We look forward to welcoming Your Excellency again to Malaysia in November to attend the Apec leaders meeting," the King said.

"Such visits contribute to consolidating and enhancing bilateral relations between our two countries."

The King also hoped that existing close and substantive relations between Malaysia and China would continue to be strengthened in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also extended greetings to Zhu Rongji, premier of the State Council.

Dr Mahathir said he was happy to note that both countries were working closely to continue and sustain economic growth that would benefit both nations.

"I am confident we can expand the scope of our relations as we face challenges of the new millennium."

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent a similar message to Tang Jiaxuan, China's Minister of Foreign Affairs, saying he was pleased to note that bilateral relations between China and Malaysia have in recent years gained momentum.

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