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TUANKU JA'AFAR CONGRATULATES QUEEN BEATRIX

KUALA LUMPUR, April 29 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has congratulated Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands on her 60th birthday today and wished her continued good health.

The King also conveyed best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Netherlands and her people, the Foreign Ministry said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar congratulatory message to his Dutch counterpart Wim Kok.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the excellent relations and close cooperation between Malaysia and the Netherlands would be further enhanced in the coming years.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to his counterpart H.A.F.M.O. van Mierlo, said he was encouraged by the ever-growing excellent bilateral cooperation.

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