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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO BHUTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has congratulated King Jigme Singye Wangchuck of Bhutan on the occasion of his country's National Day today.

"We also would like to convey our sincere good wishes for the progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Bhutan under Your Majesty's wise leadership," he said in the message released by Wisma Putra here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar message to Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Head of Government Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the existing close friendship between Malaysia and Bhutan will be deepened and developed for the mutual benefit in the future.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Lyonpo Jigme Thinley.

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