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KING CONGRATULATES TUVALU AND GERMANY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah today congratulated Governor-General of Tuvalu Dr Tomasi Puapua on the occasion of country's independence day.

They extended their congratulations and best wishes to Dr Puapua and the people of Tuvalu, according to an Istana Negara statement here.

Meanwhile, Wisma Putra said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar message to his Tuvalu counterpart Ionatana Ionatana.

Dr Mahathir said he looked forward to pursuing new areas of cooperation that would mutually benefit the people of Malaysia and Tuvalu and enhancing the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, also sent a similar message to Ionatana, who is also the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In a separate message, Sultan Salahuddin and Tuanku Siti Aishah also congratulated German President Johannes Rau on the country's Unity Day today.

They extended warm felicitations and good wishes to the German President and hoped for continued peace and prosperity for the country and its people, Istana Negara said.

Wisma Putra said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, expressed confidence that Malaysia-Germany ties would be further strengthened in the years ahead particularly in the fields of trade and investment.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a similar message to his German counterpart Joschka Fisher.

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