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KING CONGRATULATES FINNISH PRESIDENT ON FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, has congratulated President Martti Ahtisaari of Finland on the occasion of his country's Independence Day.

In his message, Sultan Salahuddin extended his best wishes for Ahtisaari's good health and the continued peace and prosperity of the people of Finland, Wisma Putra said in a statement, here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his counterpart Paavo Lipponen, said: "I am confident that the close and cordial relations enjoyed between our two countries and people will be further enhanced and strengthened in the years ahead."

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar sent a similar message to his counterpart, Tarja Halonen.

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