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KING CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to President Jiang Zemin in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

"The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah joins me in wishing you good health and happiness and we hope that the present bilateral relation between Malaysia and China will be further strengthened," he said in the message.

According to Wisma Putra, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his Chinese counterpart, Zhu Rongji, said Malaysia was impressed with the continued prosperity attained by China in the last 50 years, particularly so during the last decades.

"The wisdom and pragmatism demonstrated by the Chinese leaders and people have transformed China into a dynamic and modern state. I was able to witness this transformation during my many visits to the country, including in August this year," he said.

He is confident that China would attain a higher level of development and prosperity as it enters into the 21st century and Malaysia stands ready to be China's partner for the mutual benefit of both countries and the region.

"The financial crisis that shook East Asia demonstrated the importance of close collaboration among the countries in the region," he said, reiterating his appreciation to China for resisting the devaluation of its currency, the yuan.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Syed Albar, in a similar message to his Chinese counterpart, Tang Jiaxuan, said the beneficial relations between the two nations need to forge ahead for greater cooperation and closer relationship as they enter the new millennium.

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