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KING, DR MAHATHIR SEND GREETINGS TO IRELAND

KUALA LUMPUR, March 17 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today sent greetings and best wishes to Ireland's President Mary McAleese on the occasion of St Patrick's Day -- Ireland's National Day.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a message to his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern said he was pleased that Ireland had made notable progress in the economic field.

"I also note with satisfaction that Malaysia-Ireland relations are on a strong and dynamic foundation," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar in a message to his Irish counterpart David Andrews said relations between the two nations were developing satisfactorily.

"I am optimistic that the positive dynamism in Malaysia-Ireland relations will be sustained," he added.

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