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KING, DR MAHATHIR SEND GREETINGS TO SRI LANKA

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga on the occasion of her country's 51st Independence Day on Thursday.

Tuanku Ja'afar and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah in the message expressed the hope that relations between the two countries would continue to flourish for the benefit of their peoples.

Their Majesties also wished the president good health and continued peace, progress and prosperity for her country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a message to his counterpart Sirimavo Bandaranaike hoped Sri Lanka would continue to enjoy further development and progress in the coming years.

"As we approach the new millennium, I look forward to enhancing the close cooperation between our two countries for the mutual benefit of our peoples," he said

Foreign Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar also sent a message to his counterpart Lakshman Kadirgamar.

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