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KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will continue to explore ways of expanding into other areas of cooperation with South Africa that would benefit the people of both countries in the next millennium, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The close ties between Malaysia and South Africa and the friendship between the people of both countries have been mutually advantageous particularly in the trade and economic areas, he said.

"Malaysia values her relationship with the Republic of South Africa. I am confident that in the coming years South Africa will continue to prosper and progress which would benefit all South Africans," he said in a congratulatory message to President Nelson Mandela on the occasion of South Africa's national day today.

In a similar message to his South African counterpart Alfred Nzo, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar expressed hope that the excellent bilateral ties enjoyed by both countries would be further strengthened in the coming years.

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