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KING GREETS PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has congratulated Philippine President Joseph Estrada on that country's independence day.

He said he and the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Siti Aishah, were confident that Malaysia-Philippines relations would continue to be further enhanced for the mutual benefit of both countries.

"We take this opportunity to convey our best wishes for your continued good health and well-being and for the continued peace and prosperity of the people of the Philippines," his majesty said in a statement released by Wisma Putra, here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to Estrada, said relations between the two countries had developed substantively over the years.

"I am encouraged by the momentum of our cooperation and hope our respective governments will continue to work together towards enhancing bilateral ties that would be mutually beneficial to our peoples," the prime minister said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid, in his message to his Philippine counterpart, Domingo L. Siazon, said Malaysia continued to value its relations with the Philippines.

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