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KING SENDS GREETINGS TO CHIRAC

KUALA LUMPUR, July 13 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al-Haj has sent a congratulatory message to President Jacques Chirac of France on the occasion of his country's National Day.

"On the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the Republic of France, the Raja Permaisuri Agong joins me in extending our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you and the people of France," he said in the message.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a message to his counterpart Lionel Jospin.

"The growing cooperation between Malaysia and France on bilateral and international issues is indeed laudable. With the onset of globalisation our two countries could work even closer together to face the challenges in the years to come," the Prime Minister said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar in his message to his counterpart Hubert Vedrine hoped that both of them can continue to work in tandem to achieve common goals for the mutual benefit of their countries.

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