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KING SENDS GREETINGS TO INDIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to President K.R. Narayanan of India on the occasion of the Republic Day of India tomorrow.

"I am happy to note that the longstanding friendly relations between Malaysia and India have continued to be further developed by our respective governments encompassing vast spectrum of economic, trade and cultural relations," he said in his message.

According to Wisma Putra, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to his counterpart, Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the existing close friendship between Malaysia and India would be deepened and developed for the mutual benefit of both countries in the future.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Jaswant Singh.

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