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Singapore President sends Merdeka greetings to King and Queen

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Singapore President S.R. Nathan has sent greetings to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah in conjunction with Malaysia's 43rd Merdeka Day.

Nathan said he firmly believed that under the King's gracious reign, Malaysia would prosper further.

Extending the greetings of the Government and people of Singapore, he said he was confident that the close friendship between the two countries would further strengthen.

Nathan and his wife also wished the King and Queen Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah good health and happiness.

Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong in his greetings to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said: "With the vision and sound policies of your Government, Malaysia is well placed to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

"Singapore attaches great importance to the long-standing and multi-faceted relationship of our countries. Foreign Minister Prof S. Jayakumar has sent greetings to his counterpart Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

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