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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO NORTH KOREA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah have sent a congratulatory message to President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly Kim Yong Nam on the occasion of North Korea's National Day tomorrow.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to the country's Chairman of the National Defence Commission, Kim Jong-il.

In his message, Dr Mahathir said he was happy the friendly relationship between the two countries had grown steadily.

"Our leaders are committed to forge closer ties and this is evident from the visit of my Foreign Minister to your country in June this year," he said.

Dr Mahathir was also confident that North Korea would move forward for peace and freedom and attain greater development and progress in all areas.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Paek Nam Sun.

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