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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO SINGAPORE PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to President Sellapan Ramanathan of Singapore on the occasion of the country's National Day.

"We hope the friendly relations between our two countries will continue to be developed and expanded for the mutual benefit of our two peoples," he said in a statement issued by Wisma Putra here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his counterpart Goh Chok Tong, said it was encouraging to note that bilateral relations between Malaysia and Singapore have been progressing remarkably well.

"I believe that the warm and friendly ties between our two countries have significantly contributed to our respective national development and the progress and well-being of our peoples and region as a whole," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in his message to Foreign Affairs Minister Prof S. Jayakumar, said the bilateral relations of the two countries have been progressing very well over the years in many areas of mutual interest.

"The strengthening of our bilateral cooperation would facilitate the advancement of the well-being of our two countries and people," he said.

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