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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO MEGAWATI

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to Indonesia's new President Megawati Sukarnoputri in conjunction with the Republic's 56th Independence Day tomorrow.

In his message, the King expressed gratitude and happiness over the close bilateral ties and cooperation between Malaysia and Indonesia.

He hoped the cordial relations could be further enhanced through the spirit of friendship and good neighbourliness in the interests and well-being of the two countries.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to Megawati, hoped that Indonesia would enjoy stability and prosperity in the coming years under her leadership.

Megawati was elected Indonesia's fifth President by the People's Consultative Assembly on July 23.

Dr Mahathir said he was grateful that both countries had always maintained friendly and close bilateral ties.

He is confident that the long-standing friendship between the two countries could be preserved and enhanced.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent a similar message to his counterpart Dr Nur Hassan Wirajuda who is among the new faces in the Indonesian Cabinet announced by Megawati on Aug 9.

Syed Hamid expressed confidence that the friendship and understanding would be further strengthened for the well-being of the two countries and the region.

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