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KING SENDS GREETINGS TO MYANMAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 3 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has sent a congratulatory message to Myanmar's Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior Gen Than Shwe on the occasion of the country's 53rd Independence Day.

"It is our hope that the friendly relations existing between Malaysia and Myanmar will be further strengthened in the years to come," the King said in his message.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is now in Myanmar, expressed confidence that under Gen Than Shwe's leadership, relations between Malaysia and Myanmar would continue to flourish for their mutual benefit.

"I wish to take this opportunity to convey to you and the people of Myanmar our warmest congratulations and best wishes," Dr Mahathir said in his message.

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