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KING SENDS GREETING TO SOUTH KOREA

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has congratulated South Korean President Kim Dae-jung on the occasion of republic's 56th National Day celebration tomorrow.

"May the government and people of the Republic of Korea continue to enjoy peace and stability in the years ahead," the King said in a congratulatory message released by Wisma Putra here.

In a similar message to his South Korean counterpart Lee Han-Dong, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said bilateral relations between the two countries have strengthened over the years and they enjoyed close cooperation in many fields, particularly trade and investment.

"I hope the close ties will continue to flourish in the coming years and look forward to working and further promote the existing ties for the mutual benefit of our two countries and peoples," Dr Mahathir said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in his message to his counterpart Dr Han Seung-soo, said both the countries have long enjoyed close and cordial relations.

"The scope of cooperation have expanded and is wide-ranging with much prospect for growth in the future. I look forward to working with you to further enhance the existing relations for the mutual benefit of our two countries," Syed Hamid added.

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