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KING EXTENDS GREETINGS TO CASTRO ON CUBA'S 44TH REVOLUTIONARY DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid have extended greetings to Cuban President Fidel Castro on the occasion of the republic's 44th Revolutionary Day.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a congratulatory message to Castro.

In his message, Dr Mahathir expresses confidence that the strong bonds of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation that exists between Cuba and Malaysia will continue to develop in the years ahead.

He said that bilateral cooperation between Malaysia and Cuba has been increasing since Castro's visit to Malaysia in May last year.

He noted that the first Joint Commission meeting between Malaysia and Cuba held in Havana in September this year has also contributed to two countries' enhanced relations.

Dr Mahathir also said that he is looking forward to welcoming Castro to Kuala Lumpur next year for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit in February.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in his message to his Cuban counterpart, Felipe Perez Roque, said that Malaysia hopes to further expand and deepen bilateral relations, especially in the areas identified at the inaugural Joint Commission meeting in Havana last September.

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