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KING GRANTS FAREWELL AUDIENCE TO SWISS AMBASSADOR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalulail granted a farewell audience to outgoing Swiss Ambassador Rudolf Staub at the Istana Negara here today.

Present were the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah and Staub's wife, Lidia.

During the audience, the King expressed his appreciation over the role played by Staub while in Malaysia especially his effort to further enhance bilateral relations between Switzerland and Malaysia.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong also expressed his gratitude to the Swiss government for making the recent official visit of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad a great success.

The King hoped for more exchange of visits which would further strengthen the existing good ties between both countries especially in the area of trade and investment.

Staub, 60, was appointed as Swiss Ambassador to Malaysia on Sept 18, 1998.

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