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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail has sent warm greetings to Russian President Vladimir V. Putin on the occasion of Russia's National Day.

A Wisma Putra statement here says that His Majesty also extended the wishes to the government and people of Russia.

"We take the opportunity to also wish Your Excellency happiness and good health," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent felicitations to his Russian counterpart, Mikhail M. Kasyanov.

"I am happy to note that relations between our two countries have strengthened significantly over the years. I am confident that our bilateral cooperation will continue to be further enhanced in the fields of science and technology, education and other sectors, for the mutual benefit of both our countries," he said.

Dr Mahathir also hoped that the recent signing of the cooperation agreement between Malaysia and Russia for the purchase of aircraft would go a long way towards enhanced cooperation between the two countries in many years to come.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar sent a similar message to his Russian counterpart, Igor S. Ivanov.

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