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KING, DR MAHATHIR CONGRATULATE BRAZIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad have sent congratulatory messages to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil on the occasion of Brazil's Independence Day.

In his message, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong said Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid joined him in extending good wishes for the continued peace and prosperity of Brazil and the good health and happiness of President Lula da Silva and his people.

In his message to President Lula da Silva, Dr Mahathir wished him and the people of Brazil peace and prosperity in the coming years.

"Relations between our two countries have remained warm and cordial," said Dr Mahathir.

The Prime Minister also said that his visit to Brazil earlier this year had further cemented the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Malaysia and Brazil, bringing the two countries closer.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in his message to his Brazilian counterpart, Celso Amorim, said he was satisfied with the current state of bilateral relations between both countries.

"I look forward to working closely with you in strengthening our relationship in all fields for mutual benefit," he added.

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