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KING EXTENDS GREETINGS TO CANADA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 30 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid have extended their best wishes to Governor General of Canada Adrienne Clarkson in conjunction with Canada Day tomorrow.

In a statement released by Wisma Putra here today, the King said they hoped the warm and friendly ties between Malaysia and Canada would be strengthened further in the years ahead.

In a similar message, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad congratulated his counterpart Jean Chretien.

"Under your stewardship, Canada has prospered significantly and has become a credible voice on the international stage," he said.

Dr Mahathir also expressed his hope that bilateral relations between the two nations would continue to flourish.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also extended similar greetings to his counterpart William Graham.

"Malaysia and Canada have long enjoyed close and warm bilateral relations. I look forward to working closely with your excellency towards strengthening the existing friendly relations for the mutual benefit of our two countries," he said.

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