

Malaysia Hopes Ties with Thailand Will Continue To Grow In Post-Bhumibol Era - Zahid Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- Malaysia hopes that the good ties with Thailand during the reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej will continue to be maintained and enhanced even following his death.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the ties were not only in the diplomatic and trade sectors but also in terms of security at the Malaysia-Thailand common border.

"During his 70 years on the throne, King Bhumibol showed great concern for the ties between Malaysia and Thailand and always safeguarded them.

"Despite the king's death, Malaysians can expect the good ties to continue, especially in security programmes involving the police and armed forces of the two countries," he told reporters after signing the condolence book as a mark of respect for King Bhumibol who died on Oct 13.

Expressing sympathy for the Thai people, Zahid said he hoped that they would be able to maintain stability in the country for the sake of not only Thailand but also the region.

Zahid, who is also the home minister, signed the condolence book at the residence of the Ambassador of Thailand to Malaysia, Damrong Kraikruan, in Jalan Ampang here today.

The deputy prime minister arrived at 12.45pm and was greeted by Damrong and his wife, Suwanna Phukphat, and several embassy staff.

Also present was Malaysian Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican.

King Bhumibol died on Oct 13 at the Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok. He was 89.

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