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Freemasons' gathering

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THE Freemasons, the oldest and the largest fraternal organisation in the world, held a dinner publicly for 700 people for the first time at Sunway Lagoon Resort, Bandar Sunway recently.

The function was to commemorate the installation of Institute of Marketing Malaysia chairman David Lai Kim as the movement's new district grandmaster of the district grand lodge of the Middle East.

This 600-year-old movement has included former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, former US President Franklin Roosevelt and Gerald R. Ford as members.

The organising chairman Dr Yong Siew Onn said this was the first time the media had been invited and they had raised RM50,000 for the Malaysian AIDS Council. Guest-of-honour Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir attended the function to receive a cheque for the amount from Lai.

Among those present were Freemason Irish Constitution head Lim Boon Par, Freemason English Constitution in Hong Kong head Peter H.Y. Wong and Freemason English Constitution in Malaysia head Joseph William Yee Eu.

Others present were Commerce International Merchant Bankers Berhad assistant manager Soo Seohan, Charterfield Corporation assistant general manager Lee Si Mone, CP Marine managing director Julian Brown, Photo and Fun Sdn Bhd commercial manager Goh Swee Lye, Desking Sdn Bhd manager Tan Min Yong, Dr Joseph Rajendran, Dr S. Kamlesh, Wesport project manager Vashi Jagwani and wife Indra Vashi.

K.M. Chye and Partners legal assistant Marwalis Kassim, Innothera managing director Julie Tong Cheng Lee, Parkroyal area financial controller Shuba Kumar, Coopers and Lybrand tax consultant Aditya Bhugtiar and wife Kamini Bhugtiar, Del Mavath, Sumathy Surey and Wan Mone Lee were also present.

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