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Freedom Day cheer

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SOUTH Africa celebrated the fourth anniversary of Freedom Day at the Royal Lake Club in Kuala Lumpur on Monday.

The grand reception was hosted by its High Commissioner Maite E. Mohale.

Science, Technology and Environment Deputy Minister Datuk Abu Bakar Daud, who represented the Malaysian Government, proposed a toast to the republic at the function.

Present were heads of diplomatic missions in Kuala Lumpur including Robert Cotton and Issei Nomura, the Australian and Japanese ambassadors respectively.

Others included the ambassador of the Republic of Yemen Mohamed Taha Mustafa and Turkish ambassador Ferhat Ataman.

They were seen with Foreign Affairs Ministry deputy secretary-general (1) Datuk Ghazzali Khalid.

Former Air Force chief Lt Jen (Rtd) Datuk Seri Abdul Ghani Aziz, who is Penaga Grove Sdn Bhd chief executive officer, was seen with Indonesian Embassy minister/deputy chief of mission Nasaruddin Koro.

The inventor of circumcision device, the "Tara Klamp", Dr T. Gurcharan Singh from Taramedic Corporation Sdn Bhd was seen in conversation with South African counsellor (economic) Manabile Shogole and Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Berhad corporate planning and research division senior manager Aravindan Menon.

US naval attache Capt Ronald Ratcliff and wife Brenda were seen engaged in conversation with Yin Mya, wife of Myanmar military attache Col Htay Win.

Other familiar faces at the function included former Malaysian ambassador to the United States Tan Sri Khir Johari and wife Puan Sri Christine and Malaysian AIDS Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir.

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