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French celebration

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FRENCH ambassador Xavier Driencourt and wife, Lise, hosted a reception at their residence in Jalan Ampang recently in celebration of the French National Day.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Nazri Abdul Aziz, representing the Malaysian Government, offered a toast to French President Jacques Chirac.

Driencourt returned a toast to Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Among the 2,000 guests were Kyrgyz ambassador Mambetjunus Abylov and wife Damira, the Russian Embassy minister-counsellor Viacheslav V. Loukianov and wife Kathryn, US air attache Colonel James G. Tietjen, Radisson Plaza Kuala Lumpur general manager J. Thomas C. van Opstal and wife Jing.

Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development director Javad Motthagi and wife Nasrin Shahabadi were also present.

Among others present were outgoing French Embassy defence attache assistant Michel Nadan, new defence attache assistant Brigitte Papirer, Bukit Tunku French School disciplinary teacher Patrice Faivre and Malaysian French Business Organisation vice-president Rizal Vivien Raguet.

Also present were Swiss Embassy counsellor Bernard Pillonel, Hungarian Embassy deputy chief of mission Csaba Czibere and Finnish Embassy deputy chief of mission/second secretary Kimmo Laukkanen.

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