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Dr M at Bastille Day celebration

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FRENCH ambassador Xavier Driencourt and wife Lise, the French community and their friends celebrated the French National Day at Colmar Village, Bukit Tinggi Resort near Bentong, Pahang on July 14 marking the anniversary of the storming of Bastille on that day in 1789.

Bastille was at first a prison then a detention centre of VIPs charged with all sorts of crimes including political and even young men held in a restraint at the request of their own families.

President Jacques Chirac's personal assistant Jean-Claude Paye and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Othman were among the many people who attended the occasion.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, a close friend of Chirac, graced the occasion - a rare honour indeed for he seldom makes an exception to protocol.

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