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Welcome reception for Aussie orchestra

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THE Australian High Commissioner Peter Varghese hosted a welcome reception for members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at his residence in Jalan Langgak Golf, Kuala Lumpur recently. The orchestra was on its inaugural two-day tour to Kuala Lumpur.

Joining in to welcome the members were Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism Malaysia (Istana Budaya) assistant director Salehuddin Md Salleh, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore Murray McLean and Australian Deputy High Commissioner Allaster Cox and wife Susila.

Also there were AIDS Foundation chairman Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, Dewan Philharmonik Petronas Kuala Lumpur concert and events manager Meera Vijayendra and Malaysian/Australian Arts patron Angela Hijjas.

Present at the reception were Australian Broadcasting Cooperation (Sydney) sound engineer Yossi Gabbay, its music producer Ralph Lane and The Bulletin (Sydney Magazine) journalist Carmel Dwyer.

Sydney Symphony Orchestra managing director Mary Vallentine, conductor Mark Elder and members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra including principal (flute) Janet Webb, assistant principal (secondary violin) Emma West, pianist and soloist Peter Donahoe and wife Elaine were also there.

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