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Australia and Malaysia celebrate 25 years of Joint Defence Program

The Australian High Commission hosted a reception on 23 February to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Malaysia-Australia Joint Defence Program (MAJDP).

The MAJDP provides a framework for bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries across a range of strategic, operational, professional and non-military forms of cooperation. The MAJDP also provides opportunities for training and professional exchanges, with 13 Malaysian officers currently seconded in Australia and seven Australia officers currently seconded in Malaysia.

The reception, hosted by the Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, H.E. Mr Rod Smith PSM, was attended by around 120 guests, with some travelling from across Malaysia to attend.

Notable guests included: Lieutenant General Datuk Azizan bin Mohd Delin, representing the Chief of the Malaysian Defence Force; Rear Admiral Datuk Khairul Anuar bin Yahya, representing the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy and Brigadier General Dato' Shamsudin bin Kassim, representing the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force; as well as Commander Simon Ottaviano of the Royal Australian Navy, representing the Australian Defence Force and Group Captain Wendy Horder, the Australian Defence Advisor to Malaysia.

“The MAJDP is the cornerstone of the defence partnership between Australia and Malaysia. As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to building on our existing ties to address new challenges and contribute to the continued security and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific Region”, said High Commissioner Smith.

Australia and Malaysia share a long history of defence cooperation, predating Malaysian independence. Forged on the battlefields of World War II, during the Malayan Emergency and Confrontation, and further developed through the Five Power Defence Arrangements and the MAJDP, bilateral cooperation has matured to become one of Australia’s strongest regional defence relationships.

For more information, please see:

<http://malaysia.highcommission.gov.au/files/klpr/History%20of%20the%20Australia-Malaysia%20Defence%20Relationship.pdf>

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