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Asian Youth Orchestra to hold rehearsal

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Malaysian Youth Orchestra Foundation will hold the Asian Youth Orchestra 1997 rehearsal camp from June 8 to 29, followed by a gala performance on June 29 at the Mines Beach Resort.

The event, collectively known as the Asian Youth Orchestra Malaysia Programme, is fully financed by the MYOF and its gala performance will be attended by its patron, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

After the three-week rehearsal here, they will perform in Hong Kong from July 1 to 4 to celebrate the reunification of Hong Kong and China before embarking on a four-week tour of China, South Korea and Japan.

Organising committee chairman for the camp, Mirzan Mahathir, said Malaysians in general were not exposed to orchestral music and the programme was aimed at creating an artistic and cultural awareness among youths.

The 102 members of the orchestra were chosen from 11 countries such as Malaysia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, through highly competitive auditions.

Five Malaysians who were chosen for the orchestra this year were Lee Yin Fah who plays the trombone, Lin Yin Fung (cello), Ong Lin Kern (viola), Chan Lai Kheng and Lo Mei Yoke (violin).

Members of the tuition-free programme will rehearse under the direction of AYO resident conductor Mark Churchill and principal conductor Sergiu Commissiona.

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