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Hundreds throng stadium for Kazakh troupe performance

MALACCA, Fri. - Hundreds of people turned up at Stadium Kubu today to watch the performance of the Presidential Guard of the Republic of Kazakhstan, comprising 160 band members.

The group is here on the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

People started streaming into the stadium around noon. State Tourism, Culture and Environment Committee Chairman Datuk Poh Ah Tiam were among the dignitaries present at the stadium.

The show which ended about 6pm showcased more than 30 programmes, ranging from songs and dances to music and a march around the stadium.

The programme is aimed at fostering closer ties between Malaysia and Kazakhstan and to expose Malaysians to Kazakh music, language and culture.

It is organised by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism together with Malacca, Pahang, Kedah and the Armed Forces.

State Protocol officer Mat Sor Udin said the show could indirectly help expose our youths to their musical skills and culture.

"It is an effort that can benefit the nation in enhancing bilateral trade and relationship."

The troupe has performed at various locations, including the Merdeka Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

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