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Insight into traditional Kazak music, instruments

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Presidential Orchestra of the Republic of Kazakstan presented a musical performance which gave its Malaysian audience an insight into the country's modern and traditional music.

Held at Dewan San Choon, Wisma MCA here, the Kazak presidential guard is here at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Present at the concert were Senator Chong Kah Kiat and Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Ismail Adam.

The event was organised by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry in collaboration with the Defence Ministry and sponsored by Petronas and the New Straits Times.

The Presidential Orchestra is a structural unit of the Presidential Guard and provides musical assistance during official state functions.

The orchestra played a variety of classical and folk pieces as well as popular military marches and even jazz.

The dombra, kilkobyz, dabil, sibizga, shankobyz and asatajak were among traditional instruments played by the musicians.

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