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Perak scores national records with mega orchestra, largest flag

IN HARMONY ... A mega symphony ensemble with 312 musicians greeted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his visit to Stadium Indera Mulia in Ipoh yesterday.

The giant orchestra, comprising students from primary and secondary schools in the Kinta Valley, was conducted by Kinta District Education supervisor Alfred Wong.

The ensemble performed its way into the national record book, adding to the pride of Perak which scored another national record yesterday - the country's largest flag.

The RM65,000 flag measures 159 by 108 metres, "dwarfing" the previous record which measured 118m by 77m. The flag is believed to have beaten the world record. The largest flag recorded so far measures 77m by 154m.

It took a 300-strong team from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seri Ampang 19 days from Aug 5 to complete the flag which was stitched together by using 40 sewing machines with large segments of red, white, blue and yellow cloth.

Dr Mahathir signed the Malaysia Book Of Records certificate to endorse the flag as the largest Jalur Gemilang in the country and presented it to school principal Mohd Rauhi Mohd Isa.

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