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Harmonica show to mark Merdeka Day

GREAT Eastern Life Assurance (M) Berhad is organising the largest group harmonica performance on the eve of Merdeka Day for the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The insurance company is looking for 460 harmonica players to perform a series of patriotic songs for 15 minutes in conjunction with the 46th Merdeka celebration at Dataran Merdeka.

The group will be led by Chong Ah Kow @ Chong Ching Chee, 51, who is the world's harmonica champion in 1989.

The selected performers, so far, include Yeong Sze Tai, 90, the oldest in the group, Phang Yi Xin and Yew Ka Seng.

The group is expected to perform Tanah Pusaka, Sejahtera Malaysia and Keranamu at the event.

At a recent Press conference, Great Eastern IT operations and strategic planning executive vice-president Kong Kim Yihe said the company was proud of homegrown musical talents. The show is held with the aim of bringing together harmonica fans from all walks of life.

"We hope to create more awareness of this affordable and entertaining musical instrument that everyone can enjoy," said Kong.

Auditions are open to all Malaysians at Menara Great Eastern.

For details, call Chong at 012-3667084.