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Timor Leste army bandplays at closing of exhibition

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KUALA LUMPUR: A marching band comprising members of the Army Music Training Centre (Puzida) and Timor Leste Armed Forces ensured that the 15th DSA Exhibition and Conference 2016 ended on a melodious note.

Second Warrant Officer Azmi Enjah, who was also the conductor of the marching band, said 50 soldiers comprising local and Timor Leste Puzida students participated in the show.

The Timor Leste soldiers are among 25 army officers receiving six-month musical training at Puzida until July.

Azmi said this was the first time in DSA's history that a marching band was included in the list of performances.

The band performed a song each from the soundtracks of the 1992 film *The Last of the Mohicans* and Hindi movie *Bol Radha Bol* which was released the same year.

"This is the first time we've performed with our counterparts from Timor Leste. Members of our own female brass band were also part of the show.

"We took about two weeks to practise the two songs," Azmi said.

Meanwhile, Lt Jaime Da Silva Martins from the Timor Leste armed forces said his team was happy to be performing with the Malaysian army.

"We came here to study, but we also got the opportunity to perform at an event like DSA. We have a good relationship with the Malaysian army. We are like family.

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"I would like to say thank you to the Malaysian defence minister for this opportunity," he said.

The marching band kicked off at about 2pm yesterday to mark the end of the bi-annual event.

The last performance was a demonstration by commandos who used their skills to rescue hostages from terrorists.

The participants of this demonstration comprised members of the Counter-Terrorism Unit from the Special Forces Regiment 11, Army Air Corps 881 and the Wolf unit from the Army Combat Training Centre.