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International friendship in ANZAC week

Sri Dasmesh Pipe Band from Malaysia has this week been in Australia for Centenary of ANZAC commemorations and performances in NSW, Canberra and Victoria.

The band participated in Sydney's ANZAC march on Wednesday where players experienced one of the trip's highlights – participation in the massed pipes and drums as part of the Scottish commemoration following the main march.

Sri Dasmesh – the Malaysian Sikh Band – was formed in 1988 and now has more than 40 members with 25 making the trip to Australia this week including a large number of its younger players.

Another highlight of the week-long tour commemorating the Sikh contributing to supporting Australian servicemen and women in World War One and World War Two is performing at an AFL match.

Following the band's performance in Melbourne's Federation Square today, Pipe Bands Australia president Chris Earl presented the band with a special certificate in recognition of international friendship.

The certificate was accepted by band co-founders Harvinder Singh and Jathedar Sukdev Singh and expressed the hope that the band would return to Australia in the next few years, possibly for an Australian Pipe Band Championship.

Three years ago, Sri Dasmesh qualified for the finals in its grade at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow.





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