UTHM's 20th anniversary bash

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N conjunction with its 20th anniversary, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) will be holding the UTHM 20th Anniversary Concert tomorrow

The inaugural concert, which is being held in collaboration with the National University of Singapore (NUS), will see the participation of one of Malaysia's foremost music director Datuk Johari Salleh and popular singers Anuar Zain and Alyah.

The wife of the Sultan of Johor, Tuanku Raja Zarith Sofiah Sultan Idris Shah, who was awarded an honorary doctorate at the university's 7th convocation ceremony in 2008, will be the guest-of-honour.

Seventy-six members of NUS's symphony orchestra will collaborate with musicians from UTHM and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

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The concert will be held at the Dewan Konvokesyen UTHM which can accommodate 3,000 people.

NUS's involvement here symbolises the close relationship between Malaysia and Singapore.

The concert will also be a milestone for Batu Pahat as this would be the first time

that a symphony orchestra will perform in the district.

The NUS students will also be taken to two villages in Parit Raja to enable them to experience the way of life in a traditional Malay village as part of the jubilee celebrations.

In return, 1,000 UTHM students will go to Singapore on an academic visit to NUS as well as other locations.

The UTHM 20th Anniversary Lecture Series and Konvensyen Bandar Diraja Malaysia 2013 are also part of the programmes lined up for the celebrations.

UTHM started out as Pusat Latihan Staf Politeknik, a training centre for polytechnics academic staff, and was administered jointly by the Education Ministry and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

It was then upgraded and was known as Institut Teknologi Tun Hussein Onn, in recognition of the country's third prime minister.

In 1996, before it was accorded the university college status, it was called Kolej Universiti Teknologi Tun Hussein Onn.

It attained full university status in 2007 and has been known as UTHM since.



Some of the orchestra members performing during a practice session. (Inset) Singer Anuar Zain.

