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RED RIBBON CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN KEDAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- The Red Ribbon Carnival, organised in conjunction with the national-level World Aids Day, will this year be held in Kedah, the president of Malaysia Aids Council, Marina Mahathir, said today.

Marina, who is also the chairman of Malaysia Aids Foundation, said that the one-day carnival with fun-oriented activities ranging from sports and entertainment events geared towards raising awareness about HIV/Aids, would be held on Dec 6.

"Such an event provides an important opportunity for NGOs (non-governmental organisations) to raise awareness among the public and carry prevention messages into communities and to fight denial and discrimination," she told a news conference here.

Last year, the carnival was held in Johor.

This year's theme, "One World, One Hope", has been designated by the Joint United Nations Programme on Aids (UNAIDS).

Besides the carnival, programmes during this year's World Aids Day from Nov 14 to Dec 30 include exhibitions, forums, road shows and awareness campaigns throughout the nation.

The carnival is organised by Malaysia Aids Foundation, Malaysia Aids Council and Regatta de Blonde, an events organising company, jointly with the Kedah government.

At the news conference, a cheque for RM50,000 was presented by Jojo Entertainment's Syed Yusof Tun Syed Nasir. The donation is part of the proceeds of the Michael Jackson HISTory Tour concert.

Marina also told reporters that she has been invited to speak on the Aids epidemic in Asia at a conference on Aids in New York on Dec 2.

She said that this is an honour as Malaysia would represent Asia at the conference. -- BERNAMA

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