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Project to tie in with AIDS awareness

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ORCHIDS for Valentine's Day? Why not? After all, orchids symbolise beauty and strength.

For the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Glaxo Wellcome (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, orchids, instead of roses, for Valentine's Day has great significance since it would remind people of the AIDS and HIV sufferers on this special day.

Some 1,600 stalks of orchids were distributed to lady diners at 10 outlets in the Klang Valley, together with a red-ribbon and a little note. Marina Mahathir, the chairman of the Foundation, said the project would not only make the public aware of those with HIV and AIDS, it should also increase the hope of the weak and ease the physical and mental suffering of these sufferers.

"We hope that upon receipt of the orchids, the diners would take a moment to reflect on the physical and mental suffering of these people, and feel some compassion and understanding for them," she said.

Orchids were chosen over roses because they symbolise beauty, strength.

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