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MALAYSIANS URGED TO ATTEND AIDS CONGRESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysians involved in HIV/Aids programmes have been urged to attend the Fifth International Congress on Aids in the Asia Pacific (ICAAP) which will be held here beginning Oct 23, next year.

Chairman of the Fifth Congress and Malaysian Aids Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir said the meet, organised by the council with the cooperation of the Health Ministry, was important because it was the last regional meeting on Aids for this millennium.

She expressed the hope those involved in science, legal field, health, education and social psychology should come forward to contribute their expertise and experience at the five-day congress.

A symposium which would focus on HIV/Aids related issues would also be held, Marina said in a statement here.

Meanwhile, a pre-congress public forum for non-governmental organisations and social workers would be held a day before the congress which is expected to attract some 3,000 people.

The statement said due to the economic crisis, registration fees were low to encourage more participation. Malaysian citizens will be charged RM600 while students will be charged RM300.

Those interested in the congress can contact the Internet web site <http://www.icaap99.org.my>.

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