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Marina to promote AIDS congress

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Malaysian AIDS Council delegation led by Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir will promote the 1999 Fifth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, in Geneva next week.

The ICAAP, to be held in Malaysia next year, will be promoted with a special Malaysian-styled pavilion set up at the 12th World Conference in Geneva.

The conference in Geneva will be held at the Palexpo Convention Centre in Geneva from June 28 to July 3, 1998.

Marina, who is also president of the Malaysian AIDS Council and chair of the ICAAP, said the council would decorate a booth with batik and bunga manggar motifs to reflect the national identity.

"We will also be actively marketing the ICAAP at the Geneva conference by distributing the First Announcement of the ICAAP and talking to visitors about the Malaysian programme and the delights of host city, Kuala Lumpur."

She added that they hoped to make a lasting impression and attract as many delegates as possible to the ICAAP which will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre between October 23 and 27 next year.

Themed The Next Millennium: Taking Stock and Moving Forward, it will be hosted by the Malaysian AIDS Council.

The ICAAP is supported by the Health Ministry and co-sponsored by the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS, the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific, the Asia Pacific Community of AIDS Service Organisations and the Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS.

Marina is expected to present a paper entitled Priorities in Public Funding: Crisis in National Leadership at the congress.

Those interested in following the developments and activities of the 12th World AIDS Conference, can access: <http://www.aids98.ch>.

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