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MAC TO ATTRACT YOUNGSTERS TO ATTEND AIDS CONGRESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Aids Council (MAC) hopes to attract young people to the 5th International Congress on Aids in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) to be held here in October.

To date, 2,000 people have confirmed their participation and MAC expects another 1,000 to sign up. The 5th ICAAP, to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre from Oct 23 to 27, is organised by the MAC.

The 5th ICAAP, with the theme "The Next Millennium: Taking Stock and Moving Forward", aims to impart lasting knowledge and education on HIV/Aids to the young, its main target audience.

"We want to encourage young people to attend and we even have a special registration rate for students of RM300, said MAC president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir.

Marina was speaking to reporters after receiving a RM380,000 sponsorship from Levi Strauss Foundation for the ICAAP, here today.

She hoped more educational institutions would help fund their students so that more young people could attend the conference.

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