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Siti Hasmah to open medical congress today

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will open the 11th Asean Congress of Anaesthesiologists at the Shangri-La hotel here tomorrow.

This will be followed by the fifth Quentin Gomez oration to be delivered by Dr S.S. Dhara on the topic Contemporary Anaesthesia and Asean Perspective.

Organising committee chairman Dr Sylvian Das said the gathering will see 700 anaesthesiologists from the region meeting to keep abreast of advances in the field.

He said one of the highlights of the conference was the trade exhibition where 30 companies would be displaying the latest technology in the monitoring of patients in the intensive care unit.

Latest medication and drugs in anaesthesia will also be available.

Dr Das said the anaesthetic simulator workshop was being introduced for the first time in a conference in Malaysia.

"It simulates actual problematic situations for doctors to assess without danger to patients," he added.

The congress banquet will be held at the ballroom tomorrow. The guest of honour will be World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists president Prof M.D. Vickers.

The Second George Tay lecture by Datuk Prof A.E. Delikan on the topic The Changing Image of the Anaesthesiologist - A Team Member in Critical Care will be delivered during the banquet.

This is the third time that Malaysia is hosting the conference.

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