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Malaysia to host 18th Figo World Congress

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The latest medical innovations will be displayed when Malaysia hosts the 18th World Congress For International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (Figo) in 2006.

An estimated 12,000 to 14,000 doctors are expected to converge on the capital for the congress, which is held once every three years.

Dr Abdul Aziz Yahya, the past president of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia, said doctors of the two disciplines from 102 countries were expected to attend the congress.

OGSM, which will be organising the congress, was also planning an exhibition to run alongside the event, which will showcase the latest developments in medical technology, he told a Press conference here today.

Kuala Lumpur outbid Sydney, Hong Kong and Manila to host the event. Malaysia's bid was spearheaded by the OGSM with the support of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng and the Foreign Ministry.

The 17th Figo World Congress will be held in Santiago in 2003.

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