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Plan to set up kidney dialysis centre for the underprivileged

KUALA LUMPUR, Tue. - The Islamic Specialist Doctors Association of Malaysia hopes to set up a non-profit kidney dialysis centre to cater to the needs of the underprivileged who often languished with no hope of treatment.

Dr M.A. Sidek Nontak, the president of ISDAM, said there were over 2,000 patients in the country every year who were in need of dialysis treatment, but due to lack of funds and the non availability of dialysis machines only around half that number were fortunate enough to receive treatment.

He said by setting up the centre ISDAM hopes to provide treatment to the less fortunate either free of charge or on a subsidised basis.

Sidek said the centre was estimated to cost around RM600,000 and to subsidise its cost, ISDAM will be seeking donations from the corporate sector.

ISDAM will also be hosting a charity dinner on Sept 20 to raise funds for the treatment of the 100 heart and kidney patients registered with the organisation.

He said the event was also aimed at promoting awareness of ISDAM and its charitable works.

The event to be held at the Kuala Lumpur Hilton will be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the guest of honour.

Singer Sharifah Aini and Yusni Hamid will perform as guest artists.

Sidek said there would also be a lucky draw with the grand prizes comprising more than 20 air tickets to the Gold Coast, Langkawi and various local destinations.

Tickets are priced at RM500 per person for the front row seats and RM350 per person for other seats.

He said of the 100 tables, 60 have been booked. Those who wish to make reservations can do so by calling 03-92006287/9861000.

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