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AIDS Council seeks entries for awards

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Journalists have been invited to submit entries for the biennial Malaysian AIDS Council's Red Ribbon Media Awards and the Dr Siti Hasmah Award.

The closing date for the Red Ribbon Media Awards is Sept 6 (presentation on Dec 19) and Aug 31 for the Dr Siti Hasmah Award (presentation on Oct 5).

Malaysian Aids Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir said today that entries for both awards must be for the period between May 1, 2000 and April 30, this year.

"The awards are a way for us to say thank you to news agencies as well as corporate professionals who have provided invaluable help in getting the message of AIDS education and prevention across," she said.

The Red Ribbon Media Awards are aimed at recognising the role played by local media practitioners who have significantly contributed towards educating the public about HIV/AIDS. The Dr Siti Hasmah Award is for individuals or groups whose outstanding contributions have helped in challenging the negative impact on HIV/AIDS.

Entries for the Dr Siti Hasmah Award have to be submitted by a third party.

Entry forms are available at the council office and <http://mac.org.my/media/mediaawards2002>.