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TV series on Malaysian success stories

ntv7 is screening the third season of the Malaysian Aspiration and Achievements series, on Malaysians who have made their mark both locally and abroad.

The half-hour programme, which is aired on Fridays at 12.10am, is produced by Asia News Broadcasting Sdn Bhd.

The first episode, The Story of Us AIDS Social Workers, was shown on Oct 18.

In the episode, viewers were told about the prejudice, ignorance and social taboos which have clouded public perceptions of people with HIV and AIDS, forcing many of such people to keep their illness a secret.

The programme showed the lives and aspirations of such Malaysians, and their grit and courage in dealing with their illness.

The new season was launched by ntv7 chief executive officer Datuk Shazalli Ramly, who said Malaysians were ambitious people who had aspirations to be successful.

"An underlying lesson of each episode is that success need not necessarily be measured by the amount of money one makes," added Shazalli.

There are 13 episodes in the series, with each featuring two individuals in a common thematic framework, either in terms of profession or personal mission.

Key figures to be featured in the series include Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who will appear in the Jan 10 episode. The show will highlight his leadership qualities which have ensured Malaysia's economic growth.

Other prominent personalities to be covered include medical science researcher Datuk Dr M. Jegathesan (Nov 8), Ng Ping Ho and Ahmad Idham Omar (Nov 22).

Maxis' Datuk Jamaluddin Ibrahim will be featured on Dec 6 while the episode on Women On The Move will feature Datuk Chean See Ooi, Datuk Zuraina Majid, Arlida Arif and Yuhanis Adnan (Dec 20). The Dare To Be Different episode will feature Patrick Teoh and Jo Kukathas (Dec 27).

Other episodes include Conquering the Unknown - MERCY (Oct 25), The Second Generation - Habib Jewels (Nov 1) and Evolution of Malaysian - Investment Banking CIMB (Nov 15).

The remaining episodes are Promoting Malaysian Culture and Heritage - Pucuk Rebung, Badan Warisan (Nov 29), Spearheading the Nation's K-Economy Agenda - Smartransact, Skali, ECNet and Ingenuity Microsystems (Dec 13) and The SEA Games Glory - A Malaysian Achievement (Jan 3).

Present during the launch were Asia News Broadcasting chairman Dr Shafiq Sit Abdullah and Commerce International Merchant Bank Berhad chief executive/managing director Nazir Razak.