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Marina-Scholarship

MARINA MAHATHIR AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Aids Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir is among 24 Malaysians awarded the Fulbright Scholarships by the Malaysian-American Commission on Education Exchange (Macee) today.

Marina, who received the Fulbright Professional Exchange Programme grant from United States ambassador to Malaysia Marie T. Huhtala, will be doing research on Empowering Young Malaysian Women at the University of Southern California's Department of Sociology and Gender Studies for six weeks.

The grants under this programme are meant for Malaysian and American professionals to broaden their experience through consultation, internship and other professional enrichment programmes at relevant organisations in the United States for a period of six weeks to three months.

Managers of organisations, associations or service industries are eligible to apply for the award.

Speaking to the media after the certificate presentation, Marina said that it was an honour to be selected as one of the recipients.

She said the topic was chosen because of her interest in learning more about how to communicate with the society in addressing issues that affect everyday life, particularly concerning women.

"I feel that young women in this country need more information to get new ideas on what they can do, and to know that they can achieve anything they want," she said.

Macee was established in 1963 to promote mutual understanding between Malaysia and the United States through educational exchange involving students, academics, professionals and through educational activities.

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