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MARINA MAHATHIR AMONG KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT AIDS CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE, Jan 16 (Bernama) - Malaysian AIDS Foundation President Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir will be among the keynote speakers at the 18th World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education here from April 26 to 30.

Other speakers will include Dr Nafis Sadik, formerly Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and now UN Envoy for AIDS in Asia, Professor David Bewley-Taylor, from University of Wales Swansea, Britain, and Professor Robin Room, Director, Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs, Stockholm University, Sweden,

Stream sessions - panels, debates, poster and oral paper sessions - will be presented throughout the conference and will be led by Dr Tamara Kwarteng, of Melbourne's Burnet Institute for Medical Research.

In addition, a full-day special session on HIV/AIDS is being organised jointly by the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific, Burnet Institute, Australian Research Centre on Sex, Health and Society, Australasian Society for HIV Medicine, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations and the Victorian AIDS Council.

Sessions on this day will address successful advocacy, treatments activism, the balance between treatments and prevention and other topics. Local and international keynote speakers for this stream are being sought.

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