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The Dr Siti Hasmah Award 2004

THE Malaysian AIDS Foundation established the Dr Siti Hasmah Award in 1996 to highlight the achievements and contributions of individuals and organisations whose work has a direct impact on HIV/AIDS work in the country.

Aside from Michael Chow, past winners include the PENGASIH Association of Malaysia for helping HIV-positive drug users; students of Limkokwing Institute of Creative Technology for, among others, their work on educational material and a communications campaign; and Dr Christopher Lee, a medical consultant and HIV/AIDS activist. The award is given out every two years.

Nominees must have contributed to any one or more of the following areas:

- * Prevent the spread of HIV in Malaysia;
- * Educate the public, families and friends of people living with HIV/AIDS on matters relating to HIV/AIDS;
- * Support people living with HIV/AIDS;
- * Protect the human rights of people in Malaysia who suffer discrimination due to their HIV status;
- * Recognise and address the needs of vulnerable groups such as children, youth and women as well as marginalised communities in Malaysia as it relates to HIV/AIDS.

This year's award will be presented in September during the Red Ribbon Gala, to be attended by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

If you'd like to make a nomination, you can still do so by June 30. Call the Malaysian AIDS Foundation at 03-4045-1033, or e-mail: maf@mac.org.my or visit its website at www.malaysianaidsfoundation.org.my

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