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## Clean-up to mark AIDS Memorial Day

**GOMBAK:** In conjunction with the upcoming International AIDS Memorial Day on May 16, more than 40 volunteers helped clean up the Jalan Karak cemetery here this morning.

Organised by PT Foundation, the event saw volunteers raking leaves and trimming the grass within the compound.

"We want to remind the world about people who had died of AIDS. Nobody deserves to get AIDS," said foundation chairman Hisham Hussein, 54, who led the gotong-royong.

He said the goal of the activity was to encourage people of all races to work together as one without prejudice.

"Education is the key. When people understand the disease more, we can co-operate more with one another."

Fahimah Noor Ngah, representing the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry, was also present.

As of December 2009, approximately 87,000 Malaysians were infected by AIDS, with most being drug users, sex workers, homosexuals and transvestites or those affiliated with such people.

PT Foundation functions as a non-governmental organisation that helps people who are infected with AIDS and has been contributing to the community for more than 20 years.