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AN educational drama that raises awareness of AIDS makes its debut on June 6 and 7 at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (KLPaC) in Sentul Park, Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur.

Journey Of Love, which was first staged in 2006 and also premiered at the Students' Drama Festival in Beijing, China, the following year, is back with a "more polished" and updated script.

Adapted from a true story by playwright Michael Chow, the drama stars Sim Kok Meng, Geok Hui Ping, Tan Geok Swee, Samuel Shum, Ho Thien Chaun, Thor Ming Fung and Adrian Tan.

It tells the story of Kent Lee (Sim), a rebellious youngster who is addicted to drugs and keeps landing in jail and drug rehabilitation centres.

He soon learns he is a HIV carrier and that his time is running out.

Lee struggles hard to change his lifestyle with support from his loved ones. Gradually, his life becomes beautiful and meaningful.

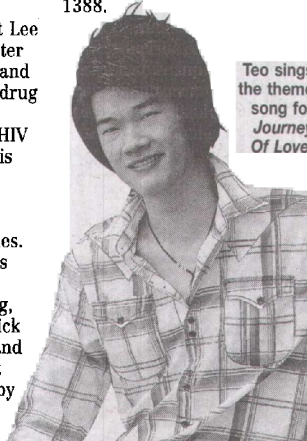
The drama's theme song, *Regret*, is performed by Vick Teo of *Malaysian Idol 1* and *Seed Of Darkness* fame. It is written and composed by Polly Tan.

It is presented by the Heart Towards The Sun Youth Arts Association of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor (HTTS), which promotes healthy living and social awareness.

Last year, HTTS presented two dramas, *Be With You* and *The Killer*, both aimed at creating AIDS awareness and raising funds for various charities.

HTTS has donated more than RM50,000 to charity organisations including the Tzu Chi Kidney Dialysis Centre in Malacca and the Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Centre.

Time: 8.30pm. Call 03-4047-9000, 016-232-2693, 016-337-4727, or 012-462-1388.



Teo sings the theme song for *Journey Of Love*.