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KUALA LUMPUR: Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir and TV3 were awarded the United Nations Person of the Year 2010 and the UNICEF International Children's Day of Broadcasting Award for the East Asia Pacific region for 2010 respectively.

Resident Representative for UNDP, The United Nations Development Programme, and Resident Coordinator of the UN in Malaysia, Kamal Malhotra, said Marina is a prominent campaigner for women's rights and she has been at the forefront of putting HIV and AIDS on the public agenda in Malaysia.

He said that Marina has written articles and spoken at national and international conferences on topics related to gender equality, women's empowerment, cultural diversity, discrimination against Muslim women and other related issues in Malaysia.

To be eligible for the award, the person or organisation must be Malaysian with an outstanding track record of work supporting the country's development in its various dimensions, he told reporters after the 65th Anniversary of the UN celebrations here today.

However, Marina was not

present to to receive the award because she was attending a Sisters in Islam event in Barcelona, Spain.

Present at the award presentation were Deputy Foreign Minister Senator A Kohilan Pillay, Ambassadors, High Commissioners and representatives of over 73 diplomatic missions in Malaysia.

TV3 won the broadcasting award in TV category with its documentary

"Terubuk Masin untuk Perdana Menteri" while RTM won in the radio category with its programme Listen Up! - Bernama.