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KOTA KINABALU: Condoms will be distributed as part of this year's World AIDS Day 2011 Public Awareness Campaign.

The campaign is being organised by the Sabah AIDS Support Services Association (Kasih).

President of Kasih, Joseph Benedict said the campaign will be held on Dec 4 (Sunday) at Lintasan Deasoka, Gaya Street, here, from 8am to 1pm.

To draw the crowds, he said there will be entertainment by volunteer singers. And voluntary workers, wearing colourful wigs, will carry poster messages.

"Basically, our objective is to create awareness among the general public concerning the incidence of HIV/AIDS in Sabah. Kasih wants to take the opportunity to dispel the myths surrounding HIV/AIDS. For instance, many people still think that hugging an HIV-

infected person is contagious. This is not true.

"We will also distribute pamphlets containing basic HIV/AIDS information, and cup cakes to those who visit our Kasih booth. These pamphlets are printed by the State Health Department," he said.

Joseph also hoped Kasih could recruit more volunteers, saying "Volunteers are hard to come by because of the social stigma attached to HIV/AIDS."



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