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KUCHING: Mukah will play host to the state-level World Aids Day 2012 on 1 Dec.

According to a statement released by the State Information Department yesterday, the theme "Getting To Zero - Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination and Zero Aids Related Deaths", would be used for the next five years from 2011 until 2015.

The objective of the event is to create awareness within the community of various levels and prevention of the disease.

The event also aims to reduce death relating to HIV positive, increase the awareness on achiev-

ing the treatment of antiretroviral for those qualified, increase the standard of health among HIV positives, basic knowledge of how to take care of those HIV positives and provide support.

Meanwhile, the statistic of those infected with HIV positive in Sarawak as at 2008 was 137 cases, 2009 (143), 2010 (141), 2011 (169) and 2012 (140) cases.

According to the data recorded in the state in 2011, 128 cases of transmission occurred through heterosexual, followed by homosexual (14 per cent - 23 cases) and insertion of drugs into the body (9 per cent - 14 cases).