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KUCHING: More efforts need to be done to raise public awareness about AIDS.

SUPP Youth central secretary-general Wilfred Yap said campaigns had to be continuous so that people would lead healthier lifestyles.

As far as the party was concerned, he said, it would continue to assist the government, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and hospitals towards this end.

"When we love ourselves and our partners, we will lead a healthy lifestyle and help to prevent AIDS from spreading," he told reporters here yesterday when distributing red ribbons and flyers to the public to mark this year's World AIDS Day.

Organised by the party's Youth and Women wings, the activity was held at the city's newly opened mall, Plaza Merdeka.

Yap believed that the state should make free condoms accessible to people, particularly those from low-income groups, as part of the preventive measures.

He said people must be taught about safe sex and be open to talk about the subject.

"Although taught in school, sex education alone is not enough. Many members of the society still consider the subject taboo but it's highly important to educate youths on such matters as a preventive measure," Yap stressed.



Show of support: Yap placing a red ribbon on a shopper to mark the state-level World Aids Day at the newly opened Plaza Merdeka.