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# Raising awareness on Aids

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**KUCHING:** Today is World Aids Day but a lot of people are still unaware of HIV and Aids.

To mark World Aids Day, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued a statement on its global progress and new infections and Aids-related deaths.

Figures from WHO showed that in 2011, there were some 2.5 million new infections (down 700,000 from the 2001 figure) and an estimated 1.7 million people (600,000 fewer than in 2005) died from Aids-related illnesses.

In Kuching here, SUPP Youth members are doing their part to educate the public on Aids.

Led by its chairman Tan Kai, Stampin hopeful Wilfred Yap and Padawan Municipal Council Chairman Lo Khere Chiang, they went to shopping complexes around the city yesterday to distribute red ribbons and leaflets, warning members of the public on



TAN (left) and Lo (right) distribute pamphlets on Aids.

the danger of Aids. Some 2,000 red ribbons were handed out at Plaza Merdeka and the Kuching Waterfront.



(FROM FOURTH LEFT) Tan, Lo, Yap with the youth members and volunteers at a shopping complex.