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10 individuals living with HIV to share stories in play

JOHOR BARU: Following the success in Kuala Lumpur, the Actors Studio and Intan Life Zone Welfare Society is bringing the fifth sequel of the popular Life Sdn Bhd play to the city in August.

The play, the brainchild of Datuk Faridah Merican, is a stripped-down performance where actors and non-actors share true stories on stage.

Intan Life Zone Welfare Society president Ahmad Zakii Anwar said that the fifth series would shed light on an important issue - the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

"The three-day play is called 'I'm Positive' and will see ten individuals share true stories on Malaysians living with HIV.

"They come from all walks of life but they share two things in common - they have been affected by HIV and AIDS and they want to share their personal stories with other people," he said in an interview here recently.

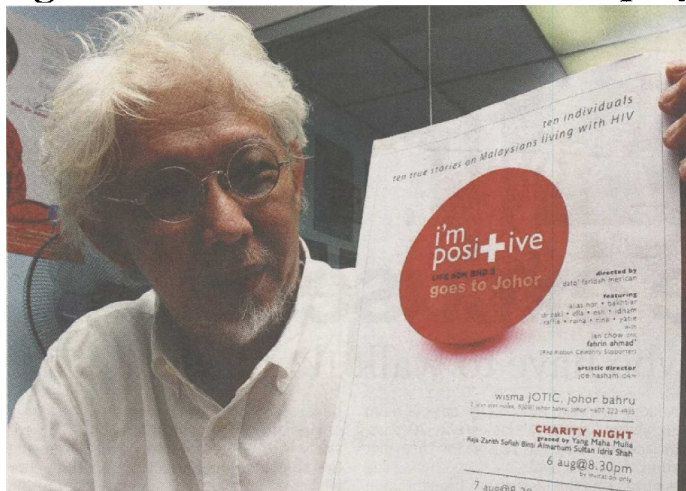
Intan Life Zone is a welfare society under the Ministry of Health and the Malaysian Aids Council.

Ahmad added that actor Fahrin Ahmad, who is part of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation's Red Ribbon Celebrity Support Programme, would also make an appearance at the play.

"He will be there during the first night of the event to share his one-year experience of advocating for the cause.

"The main objective of the play is to promote awareness about HIV/AIDS to the public as well as opening up their minds about the subject," he said.

Faridah hoped the play would create more



Come and lend us your support: Ahmad Zakii holding up the poster for the Life Sdn Bhd fifth series.

awareness about HIV/AIDS through the life stories shared by the actors.

"We also hope to perhaps reverse some of the negativity associated with Malaysians living with HIV/AIDS.

"Do come and enjoy the play and all you have to do is listen and it will be well worth your time," she said.

The play would be staged at Wisma Jotic and begins on Aug 6 until Aug 8, from 8.30pm and tickets are priced at RM30 for adults and RM20 for students.

For tickets and information, call 07-2281 885.