



SAGA and Datin Faridah's Visit to the Cheshire Home



Some of the Guests



Models for the fashion show

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Kota Kinabalu had its World Aids Day celebration at Beverly Hotel on December 2, 2009. The main purpose of the event is to create awareness towards HIV/AIDS, to remember those who have passed away due to the affliction, and to show support towards those who are living with and still fighting HIV/AIDS.

Jointly organised by a number of non-profit associations and some socialites of Kota Kinabalu and volunteers, the evening was filled with informative entertainment, awareness talk on HIV/AIDS as well as a scrumptious cocktail-style buffet dinner.

Guests were also entertained with fabulous acts by local performers and a fashion show by a local designer. The highlight of the evening was a set of lucky draws for the guests and the crowning of Miss World Aids Day Sabah 2009, whose main duty is to be the ambassadress for promoting awareness of HIV/AIDS.

Meanwhile, Sandakan Aids Support Group Association (SAGA) celebrated World Aids Day one week earlier, from November 21 to 22, 2009. SAGA members went for a visit to an old folks home and spent a full day at the home helping out with chores.

The members of SAGA also set up a counter at a local pasar tamu (market) for a small exhibition on awareness towards HIV/AIDS. In addition to talking to visitors to the exhibition, the volunteers also distributed red ribbons to the crowd to symbolise the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The exhibition gathered a huge crowd, especially the youth, due to the shuffle dancing competition organised by SAGA. Datin Faridah Ghulam was the guest of honour and the events of the day were followed by a dinner for the committee members and the volunteers.

Kota Kinabalu's & Sandakan's World Aids Day Celebration



Group photos with Datin Faridah at World Aids Day in Sandakan



Beauties of the night

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HIV AIDS awareness talk by Dr Roddy



Cultural performance at World Aids Day in Sandakan



Volunteers during World Aids Day in Sandakan



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