

Marina Mahathir to feature at Women's Forum

By Narissa Noor

DATIN Paduka Marina Mahathir, distinguished columnist, socio-blogger, women's rights advocate and daughter of Malaysia's 4th Prime Minister will share her thoughts on leadership at the Asia Inc Women's Forum 2010 on August 5.

Under the theme "Women Rising: New Aspirations, New Challenges," this year's Women's Forum will bring together 300 women from the corporate community, government agencies, academia, entrepreneurs and members of women organisations and social circles under one roof at The Empire Hotel & Country Club.

The event will enable participants to learn, network and share experiences on key issues, challenges and the important roles of women on leadership, entrepreneurship and money management, as well as the unique abilities of women in making a difference.

Datin Marina is well known for her work with the Malaysian AIDS Council, which she led for 12 years from 1993-2005. She has also been Vice-President of the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific.

She represented Asia Pacific non-government organisations on the United Nations AIDS Programme and several other UN expert panels, and spoke about the subject at the United Nations General Assembly.

Today, Datin Marina is a member of the Steering Committee of the Asia Pacific Leadership Forum on HIV and Development and the Global Task Force Review Group of the UN AIDS Action Framework for Addressing Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV.

In addition to her forefront role in HIV/AIDS, Datin Marina is a member of the Women's Aid Organisation; a board member of Sisters in Islam; a member of the Global Advisory Committee of the Women's Forum for Society

and Economy (France); and an International Advisor for the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh.

A graduate of Sussex University and influential mother of three, Datin Marina is active on social networking tool Twitter and regularly posts her opinions about key issues on her blog: rantingsbymm.blogspot.com. She is also a producer of the award-winning TV programme "3R - Respect, Relax, Respond" for young women, which is now entering its tenth year.

The forum will also feature two other distinguished women achievers: Veronica Colondam, founder and CEO of Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa, an Indonesian organisation with a strong track record in protecting young urban children away from drugs; and Carol Yip, financial coach and author from Malaysia, who will talk about strategies and the mindset to overcome debt and achieve personal and family financial peace of mind.

The forum will also honour outstanding Brunei women leaders at a "Tribute to Brunei Women Leaders". The event seeks to recognise and reward Bruneian women for their leadership in their respective fields and their contribution to the Brunei economy in general.

To register for the forum or for more information, contact Nanette Ramos at 222 6555 or email conference@asiaincforum.com.



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