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KUALA LUMPUR - CRITICALLY acclaimed writer-director Yasmin Ahmad, 51, died last night, two days after she suffered a stroke.

On Thursday, while giving a presentation at TV3's studio in Sri $\,$ Pentas in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian film-maker collapsed and went into a coma. Her condition deteriorated yesterday and she died at Damansara Specialist Hospital at 11.25pm.

Her brother Muzaffar Shah Ahmad, 38, was reported by New Straits Times as saying that she had brain surgery on Friday to remove a blood clot. Doctors had also removed fluid in her skull to reduce pressure caused by her swollen brain.

Media Prima Group chief executive officer Ahmad Farid Ridzuan confirmed her death last night.

Well known for her advertisements and films that captured the essence of racial harmony in Malaysia, Ms Yasmin started her career as a copywriter and later rose to prominence in the advertising

She had won awards for dramas such as Sepet (2004) and Gubra (2006).

In Singapore, Ms Yasmin is best known for the pro-family commercials she did for the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

The advertisements included one that depicted a girl growing up with a single father, and another that featured a widow reminiscing about her late husband at his funeral.

Ms Yasmin was in pre-production on a new film called Go, Thaddeus! when she died. The movie, which was to be her first to be shot in Singapore, was to be based on the story of 17-year-old Singaporean triathlete Thaddeus Cheong, who died after finishing a SEA Games selection race in 2007.

Ms Yasmin was also due to start shooting for a project in Japan

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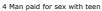
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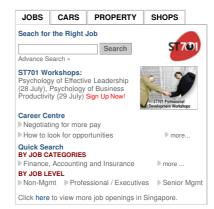
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