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GOVT RECOGNISES WOMEN'S ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 4 (Bernama) -- Acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said tonight the government's responsibility in promoting balanced development also encompassed an effective participation in it by women.

He said it would indeed be strange if the country continued to develop and achieved impressive economic growth but at the same time there was a group of the population which was down trodden because of injustice or limited opportunities.

"In the case of woman civil servants, I leave it to the Chief Secretary to the Government to ensure justice for them and also for those in other agencies," he said at the annual dinner of the Federal Territory Women's National Organisation Welfare and Sports Council (MSKWP).

As stressed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia should feel proud and relieved once it was able to ensure justice for all, Anwar said.

Women merely sought equal opportunities and recognition from the government and the private sector, he said.

"One field which cannot be neglected is the role of women as well as their interests and potential," Anwar stressed.

Malaysia was fortunate among Islamic countries as its women were allowed to play an active role in various fields, he added.

The Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail was also present. --BERNAMA

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