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Groups told to have quality programmes

SEREMBAN, Wed. - Leaders of social organisations have been urged to organise quality programmes which complement the country's visions.

Bakti president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali said today these organisations ought to envisage a broader perspective with long-term aims to help build a better country.

She said they should come up with programmes for all citizens.

"Programmes designed for people from all walks of life will help increase interaction and participation which in turn will benefit all in the long run," she said.

Dr Siti Hasmah, who is the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was opening the Negri Sembilan State Assemblymen and Senior Government Officers' Wives Association building in Jalan Keliling.

Also present were Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad, his wife Puan Sri Hazizah Tumin, who is also Pekerti president, State Secretary Datuk Mohamad Shaïd Mohamad Taufek and State Assembly Speaker Datuk Hamdan Mohamed.

Dr Siti Hasmah said these programmes would also enable the people to voice any shortcomings and grievances they might have.

"Ideas and visions of the people are vital to the development of the country and therefore should always be taken into consideration."

She said wives of national leaders and government officials also played a role in the development of the country and should never consider themselves less important than their husbands.

Dr Siti Hasmah urged them to play their roles more effectively and be prepared to give their support and encouragement towards achieving the country's visions.

Hazizah said the Pekerti building marked a milestone in the success of the movement in carrying out social activities for its members and the public.

She said the building had many facilities.

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