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Siti Hasmah on value of co-operation

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Co-operation among international women's organisations and local women's groups in the social, economic and political fields can help forge understanding and goodwill apart from ensuring all-round benefits for the community.

The patron of Puspanita (the Association of Wives of Civil Servants and Women Civil Servants) Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali said this today after receiving a cheque from the Asean Ladies Circle Kuala Lumpur.

The ALC had presented a cheque for RM55,713.36 to the Puspadara-Puspanita fund from its proceeds of a charity bazaar organised in October last year.

Dr Siti Hasmah said since Puspanita came into existence two years ago, it had managed to donate from its fund a mammogram machine each to the Breast Clinic in Kuala Lumpur Hospital and to the Government hospital in Taiping, Perak.

Puspadara-Puspanita had donated an ultrasound machine, microscope, computer and chairs to the Breast Clinic at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital and three haemodialysis machines to three hospitals in Perak.

Dr Siti Hasmah, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said Puspanita will be working with the Health Ministry to set up a counselling clinic for breast cancer patients soon.

"Puspanita will continue to work on breast cancer campaigns in order to create greater awareness about it as well as help women with the problem.

"They need this kind of donation to support their programme," she said.

Also present were Puspadara-Puspanita chairperson Datin Teh Zaharah Jahidin, Thailand's ambassador to Malaysia Suchitra Hiranprueck, Asean Ladies Circle patron Datin Endon Mahmood, wife of the Singaporean High Commissioner Su Su Low, ALC Kuala Lumpur president Datin Nora Khadir, wife of the Brunei High Commissioner Datin Salmah Yusof, wife of the deputy Indonesian ambassador Rohani Koro, and Tessie Daza, a representative from the Philippines.

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