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Bakti Caring Complex to emphasise family living

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Bakti Caring Complex which will house underprivileged children, the aged and single mothers, has been designed with a family living concept in mind.

Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali said the complex, which departs from an institutional atmosphere, would enable young children to be nurtured with love.

Dr Siti Hasmah, who is also wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said the RM4.9 million complex would be built on a 5ha site in Sungai Buloh.

She said each hostel would house 10 children of different ages under the care of a single parent who will act as a foster mother.

The senior citizens would be their foster grandparents, she said.

Dr Siti Hasmah was speaking at a Press conference after signing a memorandum of understanding on the construction of the complex.

She signed the MoU on behalf of Bakti while Yarisan Holdings, the other signatory, was represented by its president Robert Chan.

The ceremony held at Sri Perdana was witnessed by National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail.

Dr Siti Hasmah said Bakti would co-ordinate the project to be built by Yarisan Holdings and managed by the Welfare Services Department.

The groundbreaking ceremony would be held in August and the complex was expected to be completed within a year, she said.

The complex will have four blocks of hostels to house 40 children, two blocks for 40 senior citizens, a childcare centre, budget hostels, multi-purpose hall, prayer hall, library and leisure room.

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