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Getting factory workers to invest in trust fund

SEREMBAN, Thurs. - The State Government will liaise with the Negri Sembilan Industrial Liaison Council to encourage factory workers to invest in the newly-launched Amanah Saham Wanita or Asnita.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said since there were many women working in factories, the fund would be well-received by the workers.

He hoped factory managements would co-operate in encouraging their employees to invest in the trust fund.

The fund, set up by Wanita Umno, was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on May 5.

An investor must take up a minimum of 200 units. Asnita forms are available at Hijrah Unit Trust Management Berhad and Bank Simpanan Nasional.

Asnita, comprising 400 million units, is sold at an offer price of 50 sen per unit during the offer period from May 4 to 24.

The fund is open to those aged 18 and above, including foreigners, as well as corporations, institutions and government bodies.

Speaking at the State-level launch of the fund at Wisma Negri yesterday, Mohamad Isa said the State Government would also liaise with the State Wanita Barisan Nasional to draw up programmes to woo more investors.

Present were Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman and her deputy Datuk Napsiah Omar, who is also State Wanita Umno head.

During the launch, members of a non-governmental organisation, Kelab Hijrah from here, invested RM70,000 while 17 other people sold their jewellery worth RM15,600 to invest in Asnita.

Meanwhile, Siti Zaharah said the trust fund had received overwhelming response from the people.

"I'm very positive about meeting our target of RM200 million although I cannot give the figures now," she said, adding that the trust fund had yet to be launched in Johor, Pahang, Selangor, Kelantan, Kedah, Perlis, Terengganu and Sarawak.

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