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Continuously grow own greens, housewives urged

HOUSEWIVES should continuously grow vegetables and not just when times are difficult, says Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The economic slowdown is a blessing in disguise, she said, because prior to this, people took it for granted that they could buy everything at the market.

"Now we realise that during hard times we have to help ourselves.

"One of the suggestions made by the Government is to grow our own food," she said after visiting the Agriculture Department in Kuala Lumpur with some 50 members of Bakti, a welfare association made up of ministers and deputy ministers' wives.

Dr Siti Hasmah, Bakti's president and other members of the association were shown some demonstrations on how to grow mushrooms using hydroponics.

To date, 3,005 hydroponic sets have been sold in just two months at the department itself.

Also present were wife of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, who is also Bakti's deputy president and Datin Naemah Hasbi, wife of the Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud.

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