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JEWELLERY PLEDGED TO FUND WILL BE EVALUATED- SITI ZAHARAH

KUANTAN, Feb 1 (Bernama) -- All jewellery pledged by the womenfolk to help boost the country's ailing economy will be submitted for qualified valuation and proceeds from the sale will be channelled into the proposed Ehsan Wanita investment fund.

Umno Wanita chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today, qualified jewellers would be engaged to determine the exact value of the pledged items.

Those who sacrificed their valuables would be doing their bit towards restoring the country's economy, she said at her Hari Raya open house here.

The Wanita-initiated fund, Pelaburan Ehsan Wanita the first of its kind, will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putra World Trade Centre on Feb 8

Siti Zaharah said part of the fund would be invested in blue-chip counters and investors could benefit through schemes such as education, takaful insurance and death benefits.

Siti Zaharah said 30 counters coordinated by two fund managers would be open during the launching to accept only cash donations with each contribution worth not less than RM100. Those wishing to contribute jewellery could do so at a later date, she added.

She said there would be "road shows" in every state soon to explain to the people on the benefits of the investment. -- BERNAMA

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