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MASSA DONATES US\$12,000 TO LAO WOMEN'S UNION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- The Malaysia South-South Association (Massa) donated US\$12,000 (RM45,600) to the Lao Women's Union today.

The donation was given to the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali by Massa president Tan Sri Azman Hashim in a ceremony at Sri Perdana, here.

Dr Siti Hasmah then handed over the donation to the Laotian ambassador to Malaysia, Bounthong Vongsaly, who accepted on behalf of the union.

Azman said Massa had been informed that the union had identified a pilot project to promote basic education for women and children in some provinces.

The Massa members, at the suggestion of Dr Siti Hasmah during an official visit to Cambodia and Laos as part of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's delegation in April, 1994, had agreed to raise funds for the Lao Women's and Children's Fund.

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