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NGOs' role in caring society

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Government acknowledges the complementary roles played by non-governmental organisations in creating a caring-and-sharing society, said Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said it was impossible for the Government alone to sustain efforts to look after the people's wellbeing without the efforts of NGOs.

Speaking at the opening of the "Children Of The World For Peace And Understanding" grand charity concert at Hotel Istana tonight, Dr Siti Hasmah said: "The work of Rotary in Malaysia for the past 70 years is a strong testimony to its commitment and support for the nation and country."

"Rotary Anns of Damansara have now shown an exemplary commitment with their many humanitarian projects over the years."

She said the Gala Concert was to promote "International Peace And Understanding" among children.

"Let us hope and pray that peace will continue to prevail in our beloved country Malaysia, and also in those countries where children are born and live in subminimal comfort and environment, where food and milk are scarce and where war, civil strife and unending sanctions prevent them - those innocent children - from fulfilling their own dreams.

"Let us, in all humility, pray that there will be sincere and true understanding of what peace, joy and happiness means to the children."

The Gala Concert was organised by the Rotary Anns of The Rotary Club of Damansara and sponsored by Hotel Istana.

The concert is to raise funds to buy life-saving equipment for patients at the paediatric ward of the Tengku Ampuan Rahimah hospital in Klang.

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