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Siti Hasmah impressed with medicine breakthrough

DATUK Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali said yesterday she was impressed with how elements of traditional Buddhist medicine had been integrated into modern medicine.

She said this in reply to a question from a Buryat journalist who asked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about the impressions of "your spouse".

Dr Siti Hasmah is accompanying the Prime Minister on his visit to the Republic of Buryatia and before that to Khabarovsk Territory and China.

Dr Mahathir redirected the question to Dr Siti Hasmah who was sitting at the back of the hall during the Press conference.

Dr Siti Hasmah, who is usually present during the Prime Minister's Press conferences, is hardly asked about her impressions. This was a rare occasion and she impressed with the detailed and comprehensive reply.

Dr Siti Hasmah said she had discussions with Mrs Potapova on the role of women in both Malaysia and in the Republic of Buryatia.

Mrs Potapova is the wife of the President of Buryatia. Further discussions were also held during the boat ride on Lake Baikal.

However, Dr Siti Hasmah said the visit, though very interesting, was short and expressed hope that there would be a follow-up visit or for "you to come to Kuala Lumpur to visit us".

She noted that there were a lot of differences between Malaysia and Buryatia, adding that there were numerous possibilities for co-operation in the economic, social and cultural fields between Ulan Ude and Kuala Lumpur.

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