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Zaharah-Strengthen

FOCUS EFFORTS ON STRENGTHENING PARTY- SITI ZAHARAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman today urged the movement's members to focus their efforts on strengthening the party rather than on party election matters.

Such an attitude on their part would also reflect their seriousness in implementing policies which were not against the people's aspirations, she said.

"Let the election process take its course while we concentrate on the work to strengthen the party," she told reporters here.

"Wanita Umno members are well aware of the people's aspirations," she said when asked what were the people's aspirations after attending the cheque presentation by Clarins International under its "We Care Charity Campaign".

Siti Zaharah said what came of the individual was not important as members should only be concerned about the party's struggle and interests.

She said at this point, Umno Youth and Wanita Umno had accepted the suggestion from the Umno Supreme Council that party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad should not be challenged for the top post and that vice president Datuk Seri Abdudllah Ahmad Badawi be elected Deputy President.

On possible elections for the post of Wanita Umno Chief, Zaharah said, "We consider any contest as part of the democracti process and this shows that democracy within the movement is healthy."

She said State Wanita Umno divisions would declare their stand in the near future.

"They will explain their stand on their own initiative," she said.

At the function Clarins donated RM80,000 for a Child Heamodialysis Unit at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital, RM12,000 to Sunbeam Home for the purchase of a computer set and a washing machine and RM8,000 to the Special Children Society Of Ampang.

Present at the ceremony were Deputy President of Clarins International Peter Henlein and the General Manager of Clarins Malaysia Sdn Bhd Tan Seong Teck.

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