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Girl's album of refreshing patriotic songs

PETALING JAYA, Tues. - A breath of fresh air - this aptly sums up the launch of little Nurshahila Amir Hamzah's pioneer patriotic songs album.

As the Government constantly encourages the younger generation to uphold noble values like respect the elderly and love the nation, Nurshahila's music is refreshing.

Her album titled Thank You Teacher and website [www.nurshahila.com](http://www.nurshahila.com) were launched by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, today.

The 10-year-old pupil from Sekolah Kebangsaan Danau Kota in Kuala Lumpur is no stranger to Dr Siti Hasmah, having performed at the Umno general assembly's president's dinner last year.

Dr Siti Hasmah was so impressed that she later advised her father, N.D. Lala, to help her record an album comprising patriotic songs which would inspire children of her age.

And record an album they did. Lala, who is also a song producer with his company called Syarikat Anugerah Cemerlang, helped his daughter record songs relating to respecting the teachers and loving the nation.

"She always had a talent for singing. Ever since Nurshahila was an infant, she has always been humming to melodies from commercials," he said.

Nurshahila, who has won several honours, including the 1999 patriotic songs competition, said her father had given her a free hand to decide whether she wanted to make a career out of singing.

Dr Siti Hasmah, in her speech, said patriotic songs could inspire the younger generation.

The album will be exclusively sold through the parent-teacher association of Nurshahila's school.

The album will be priced at RM8.

Also present were Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad and executive chairman of Sitt Tatt Berhad Tan Sri Dr Mohan Swami.

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