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Good start to 'WarkahNet'

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The women of Malaysia finally have a forum where they can reach out to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad personally and they are making full use of it.

Just a day into its launch and "WarkahNet Untuk PM", a website for women to send e-mails to the Prime Minister on a host of issues, has received 30 hits.

Women's Internet Council Malaysia (Masnita) adviser Datuk Dr Mohd Radzi Abdul Latif said some e-mails came from as far as the United States.

The e-mails range from the political to gushing admiration.

A number of students from local universities also took it upon themselves to provide the Prime Minister with an insight into why the younger generation was prone to influence by opposition propaganda.

They also offered constructive advice on how the problem could be tackled.

He said the majority of women who responded had nothing but praise for the Prime Minister with some ardent fans even requesting to have their picture taken with him.

Radzi said some of the messages were also of a personal nature with women pouring out their monetary woes and asking for financial help.

Quite a number of women also wanted Dr Mahathir to help them out with red tape involved in obtaining citizenship.

The "WarkahNet" website, a joint effort by Yayasan Azam Wanita (Yaznita) and Masnita in conjunction with Women's Day on Aug 25, is aimed at promoting the use of the Internet.

Radzi said that on the whole the tone of most of the messages received were of genuine admiration for Dr Mahathir's leadership and contribution to the nation.

Radzi said that most of the women who sent in e-mails were in their twenties to early thirties, a large majority being either students or professionals.

The last date to send in e-mails is Aug 20.

Those who have not already sent in their e-mails to the Prime Minister can do so by logging on to the website [www.mymalaysiabileh.com](http://www.mymalaysiabileh.com).

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