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Be competent in ICT, says Dr Siti Hasmah

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Malaysians must be competent in Information and Communications Technology as it is relevant for the country's development in the digital age.

Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said ICT skills were needed to take advantage of "the wealth of accessible information throughout the globe".

"At the same time, Malaysians must be analytical and wise in selecting only information sources which are genuine and enriching, from the Internet.

"This will prevent them from being influenced by false and distorted information," she said at today's launch of the National Library's month-long reading campaign for July which is themed "Reading Liberates The Mind" at Dewan Merdeka at Putra World Trade Centre today.

During the month, a host of programmes to encourage Malaysians to inculcate the reading habit have been lined up.

Present were Education Ministry's parliamentary secretary Datuk Mahadzir Mohd Khir and National Library deputy director-general Zawiyah Baba.

Dr Siti Hasmah said as digital literacy would eventually change the lives of Malaysians, the Government was trying to enhance their knowledge on ITC by providing the necessary infrastructure. She added that this would go to waste if Malaysians did not take up the challenge to read and inculcate the desire to seek knowledge.

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