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Wanita Umno welcomes Azalina's appointment

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Wanita Umno leaders unanimously welcomed the appointment of supreme council member Azalina Othman Said as the head of the party's junior women's wing, Puteri Umno.

Most of the Wanita leaders contacted by the New Straits Times said that as a young and dynamic person, Azalina would be able to recruit young blood to strengthen the party's image.

Wanita Umno permanent chairman Tan Sri Aishah Ghani described Azalina's appointment as a sound decision, expressing confidence that she would be able to contribute to the party.

Aishah also said that she was heartened to read in the Press that Azalina had said that she would co-operate closely with Wanita Umno.

"That was a good point she raised as this is all about co-operation."

The movement's permanent deputy chairman Sharifah Aminah Syed Ahmad said Azalina was the ideal candidate for the position.

"She is only 37 years old and is already very active in Umno by virtue of her position as supreme council member and head of the party's Civil Action Bureau, which provides assistance to women.

"I see more young professional women joining Puteri Umno with Azalina as its head."

Wanita Umno information chief Datin Paduka Seripah Noli Syed Hussin said everyone should accept the appointment and see it as in the best interest of the party.

She is confident Azalina would be able to make Puteri Umno a success by bringing in people worthy of leadership positions in the future.

Yesterday, the Umno supreme council announced the appointment at its meeting chaired by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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