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PUTERI UMNO WANTS ONE ICT LAB FOR EACH DIV

PADANG BESAR, May 5 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno plans to set up an information communications technology (ICT) laboratory in each of its 165 divisions nationwide to assist young women in facing the increasing global challenges.

According to the movement's protem chief Azalina Othman Said, the failure to master the current required knowledge had resulted in many Malays being jobless despite having university education.

"Puteri Umno is discussing with a company for the setting up of the ICTs," she said after launching the Padang Besar Puteri Umno division here today.

However Azalina did not name the company.

She said Puteri Umno planned to use the ICT laboratories to hold joint training programmes with the Human Resources Ministry to provide women with more knowledge in the field.

When commenting on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad that 94 per cent of jobless university graduates were Malays, she said academic qualifications alone, without the necessary skills, were no guarantee to employment in the globalisation era.

Dr Mahathir Mohamad, when opening a Labour Day function in Shah Alam yesterday said many of the unemployed graduates had opted for arts and religious courses while being in universities.

Azalina said despite the technology sector offering vast job opportunities, many Malay students opted for easier university courses or that which they liked.

Apart from this, many Malay students were weak in English and mathematics, which were the basic requirements in the job market, she said.

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