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Najib: Leaders must be responsible

UMNO vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Puteri Umno leaders must be dedicated and willing to contribute to the party.

Najib said Puteri Umno members should move forward and join Wanita Umno once they have passed the age limit to serve in Puteri Umno.

"At the same time, they should also not neglect their responsibilities as wives and mothers who have equally important tasks to be fulfilled.

"They should be able to strike a balance between these two responsibilities."

Najib, who is also Defence Minister, was commenting on Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's keynote address at the opening of the Puteri Umno general assembly.

Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said Puteri Umno members should be committed in developing the country especially the Malays.

"They should realise they have a heavy responsibility which must be carried out efficiently. Puteri Umno appeals to the younger generation so it is the duty of its leaders to convince the youths on Umno's struggles."

Wanita Umno executive council member Datin Azizah Abdul Samad said the present Wanita leaders would one day retire from their positions and Puteri members could take over from them.

"We are not here to stay forever in our positions. Puteri Umno members will continue our struggle and take over from us.

"However, they must work together with us and gain experience. There is no competition between us."

Seputeh Puteri Umno head Azliza Ahmad said the movement's members must be willing to learn and accept criticisms from their "elder sisters" in Wanita Umno.

"They have served the party longer than us and I am sure their experience will be of great assistance to us as younger leaders. We should co-operate and work together."