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Umno-Azalina (Wrap-Up)

PUTERI UMNO TO WOO MORE MEMBERS, SAYS AZALINA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 22 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno pro tem chief Azalina Othman Said said the recognition accorded to Puteri Umno as the third wing of Umno will attract more young and professional Malay women to join the movement.

"Believe me, the official recognition will attract more young and Malay professionals to become Puteri members," she said when wrapping up the debate on the last day of the 56th Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

Azalina said the Malays should not be jittery in facing competition as a result of the implementation of the meritocracy system, allowing a 10 per cent quota for non-Bumiputera students in Mara Junior Science Colleges (MRSMs) and matriculation courses and the teaching of mathematics and science in English.

Azalina said the Malays should not be shackled by such issues but instead see them as a challenge to prove that Malays are capable of facing competition.

She also said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had opened the eyes of the Malays and had created awareness among them whom all this while had felt safe and comfortable with government subsidies and assistance.

She said the Malays had forgotten that the government assistance and subsidies were only a temporary measure although these aids were the responsibility of the government.

She said although many Malays had succeeded in business, education and politics, their numbers were still small.

"Their numbers are still small as compared to the efforts made by Dr Mahathir," she said.

Puteri Umno was made the third wing of Umno following amendments to the party constitution at a Special General Assembly on Thursday.

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