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ENGLISH ON WHEELS PROGRAMME TO INSTILL INTEREST AMONG COMMUNITY

MARANG, March 6 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno Movement will assist government efforts in enhancing the mastery of English language among the community through its English On Wheels (EOW) programme.

Its Chief, Azalina Othman Said the programme would indirectly instill interest among the community, particularly the younger generation, to master the language.

She said a study carried out by the movement found that the younger generation failed to master the language because of their negative attitude towards the particular language.

"Puteri UMNO feels that this (attitude) must change and because of that the EOW is being launched," she said during the national-level launch of EOW at Telekom Training Complex, Rusila near here this evening.

The launch by Acting Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was witnessed by more than 3,000 local residents.

During the ceremony, Puteri Umno handed over the EOW van to Terengganu Puteri Umno for a month for them to carry out the programme.

Besides children and students, Azalina said EOW also provided service among Umno members for them to master the language.

She said leaders such as Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were respected at international levels for his capabilities in mastering the English language.

"It does not mean we do not give importance to Bahasa Malaysia..however, in order to become a progressive and respected community, we need to master the English language," she said.

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