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WIM LAUNCHES DR SITI HASMAH WIM WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- The Women's Institute of Management (WIM) is looking for a woman of substance who has succeeded against all odds to be awarded the inaugural Dr Siti Hasmah WIM Woman of the Year Award.

WIM chairperson Datuk Napsiah Omar said the candidate "has to be a role model, inspiring other women with her positive attributes of courage, determination, resourcefulness, caring, efficiency and leadership."

"All of which are eloquently personified by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, the wife of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and the Honorary Life Member of WIM," she told a media conference here today.

WIM, a non-profit organisation set up in 1993 to work towards the advancement of women in all fields, has invited the public to nominate Malaysian women who have helped to make a difference to their own lives and those of others.

Napsiah said the candidates need to have struggled against insurmountable odds and triumphed to become a success in their own chosen fields of endeavour and an inspirational role model to others like her.

The finalists would be called for an interview by a panel of five judges who would select the winner based on personal background (30 per cent), contribution to community (25 per cent), career success (25 per cent) and education qualification (20 per cent), she said.

The nomination form is available from the WIM secretariat at Wisma WIM, 7, Jalan Abang Haji Openg, Taman Tun Dr Ismail or can be downloaded from its website at [www.wimnet.org.my](http://www.wimnet.org.my), or from its main sponsor, the Southern Bank Berhad, Ford, and Langkawii Crystaal, and co-sponsors Habib Jewels, Kensapothecary and the monthly women magazines, Jelita and Her World.

Nomination will close on Nov 15, and the winner will receive the award in January next year at the institute's grand charity dinner from Dr Siti Hasmah.

"She will receive a cash prize of RM20,000 which needs to be donated back to WIM for use to fund a WIM project for disadvantaged women which will be chosen and named after the winner," she said.

Besides, she would receive a one-year free usage of a Ford Escape, a four-wheel drive vehicle, a Langkawii Crsyttaal Award trophy, jewellery, watch and many more gifts, she said.

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