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Sharifah Kirana is Woman of the Year

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Fashion designer Sharifah Kirana Syed Ghazali received the "Tun Dr Siti Hasmah WIM Woman of the Year" award tonight.

The Women's Institute of Management (WIM) award honours a woman who goes through hardship and uses her knowledge to help others. It is also part of WIM's 10th anniversary in honour of Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, wife of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Ipoh-born Sharifah Kirana, a mother of two, received the award from Dr Siti Hasmah and took home RM20,000, a specially designed trophy, beauty products and a Gerald Genta watch.

She also gets to use a new Ford Escape for a year, as well as receive a one-year subscription of Her World and Jelita magazines.

Sharifah Kirana, the fourth of nine siblings, showed interest in fashion designing at 12. A graduate of Institut Teknologi Mara, she is now one of the top local fashion designers and will participate in the KL Fashion Week from April 24 to May 2.

Earlier, Dr Siti Hasmah reminded women to face the challenges of globalisation.

The recipient was selected by a panel of judges comprising former Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission chairman Tan Sri Nuraizah Abdul Hamid, University Malaya pro-chancellor Toh Puan Aishah Ong, Prime Minister's Department's implementation co-ordination unit director-general Datuk Seri Dr Zainul Ariff Hussain, Women's Graduate Society president Datuk Asiah Abu Samah and Yayasan Penyayang chief executive officer Leela Mohd Ali.

Sponsors were Ford Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Southern Bank Bhd, Langkawi Crystal, Habib Jewels, The Hour Glass, Ken's Apothecary and Berita Publishing Sdn Bhd.