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`Hold more seminars on thoughts of women leaders'

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Seminars on the thoughts of the country's Malay women leaders should be organised to promote their role and contributions for future generations to follow, Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

He said such seminars should also be documented for future reference.

"Through the seminars, organisers and participants can study the role of these women as professionals and inculcate the spirit of competitiveness," he said after opening a seminar on Women's Thinking: Appreciating the Thoughts of Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The oneday seminar was organised by the Federation of Peninsular Malay Students (GPMS) and the Women and Family Development Ministry to highlight Dr Siti Hasmah's pragmatism, innovation and optimism in facing the challenges of globalisation and to encourage Malaysian women to be more openminded and competitive.

It was attended by more than 400 participants, including representatives from the Association of Wives of Civil Servants and Women Civil Servants, national women's organisations and Wanita Umno and students from local institutions of higher learning.

Khalil said such seminars were essential as they could instil awareness of the role of nationbuilding played by women like Dr Siti Hasmah, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.