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Empower women to become productive citizens, says PPP

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - People's Progressive Party (PPP) women's wing deputy chief Saniah Saleh said women should be empowered so that they could be productive citizens and be given due recognition by society.

The party, she said, at their open house at Putra World Trade Centre today, would be going on a membership drive to strengthen both the Wanita and Puteri wings.

More than 3,000 guests turned up for the event to celebrate the New Year.

The guest of honour was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

"At present the women's wing membership stands at 30,000 and it is important for us to start training them young," she said.

Wanita secretary C.K. Tan said the party is also working to get younger women to join the party.

"We will start focusing more on branch-level activities," she said.

She said the PPP Wanita also wants 30 per cent of whatever seats Barisan Nasional allocates to the party for the next general election.

Meanwhile, vice-president S. Subrayan said the party should be given the opportunity to contest under the Barisan Nasional in the next election.

"A political party cannot survive without any posts. Hopefully, this year will be a better year for all of us," said Subrayan who is Pahang PPP chairman.