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RM20,000 donation for Woman of the Year award

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Southern Bank Bhd today donated RM20,000 for the Dr Siti Hasmah - WIM Woman of the Year Award.

In a ceremony at the Women's Institute of Management, WIM chairperson Datuk Napsiah Omar, who received it, said the contribution was significant as it represented a recognition towards women in Malaysia.

"The donation will certainly help WIM provide aid to women who are facing difficulties," she told a Press conference.

The RM20,000 will be presented to the winner to be spent on a project which the winner will select, Napsiah said.

The award, which is part of WIM's 10th anniversary celebration, is in honour of Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Napsiah also announced the panel of judges who will pick the winner. They are Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission chairman Tan Sri Nuraizah Abdul Hamid (chief judge), University of Malaya pro-chancellor and Bakti welfare committee chairman 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.

Napsiah said more than 800 forms had been distributed to the public for nominations.

Forms are available at WIM in Taman Tun Dr Ismail and the prize sponsors and in the Her World and Jelita magazines.

The award is open to all Malaysian women regardless of age, but who have helped make a significant difference in their own lives and in the lives of others.

Nominations should reach Secretariat of the Dr Siti Hasmah Award, Women's Institute of Management (264164-K), Tingkat 1, Wisma WIM, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur before Nov 15.