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WIM looking for qualifier for Woman of Year Award

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Women who fought and overcame great challenges in their lives have the chance to bag a special award named after the Prime Minister's wife.

The Women's Institute of Management (WIM) is organising the search for a successful woman who had outdone herself autonomously for the Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali WIM Women of the Year award.

The winner will also take home a Ford Escape XLT worth RM143,000, courtesy of Ford Malaysia.

WIM deputy chairman Datuk Dr Nellie Tan Wong described the award, which was themed "Inspire, Empower, Enlighten", as something unique.

"The award will be given to the woman who has gone through the experience of hardship and now uses her knowledge to help others," she told a Press conference today.

Dr Tan said the award was named after Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wife as she was a good role model for women in Malaysia.

"She had graciously contributed to the country alongside her husband. She looked out for women in the country and taught us how to look after ourselves," said Tan.

Also present was Ford Malaysia national sales and marketing manager Viswanathan Menon.

Women of the Year project chairman Puan Sri Siew Yong Gnanalingam said WIM had already distributed more than 1,000 nomination forms in the country.

"We hope the people out there can nominate a candidate for the award," she said.

The forms are available from WIM in Taman Tun Dr Ismail, sponsors' showrooms and in Her World and Jelita magazines.

Closing date is Nov 15 and the winner will be announced in January 2004.

The other sponsors are Southern Bank, Langkawi Crystal, Habib Jewels, Kens Apothecary, and Her World and Jelita magazines.