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'A good way to share Dr M's history'



Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali says that this time, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will try to make it to the screening of the play

KUALA LUMPUR: While supporting Istana Budaya's upcoming play *Tun Mahathir The Musical 2 (TMTM2)*, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali wishes that her character would be given a more serious portrayal.

Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, wife of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said the initiative was a good way to share her husband's history with the younger generation and also the adults.

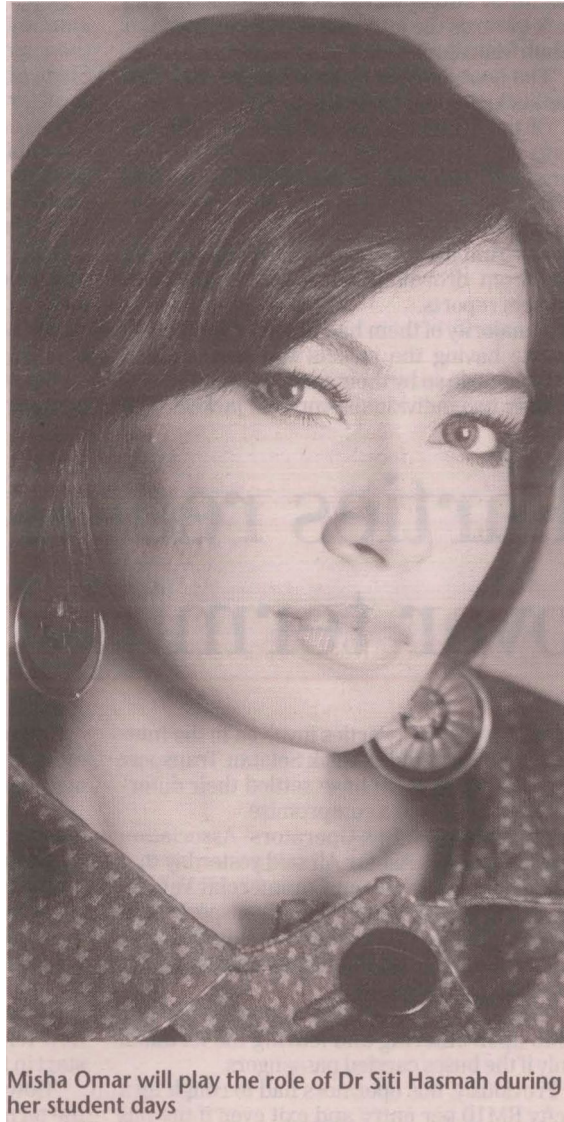
She said this in an exclusive interview at Petronas' office at the KLCC yesterday.

In the first season, she was surprised to see her character being portrayed (by actress and singer Erra Fazira) so differently than her true self.

"I am more of a serious person, and I don't show my emotions too much," she commented, referring to Erra's carefree and boisterous portrayal of her on stage.

In the second season, however, Erra Fazira will be replaced by singers and actresses Misha Omar, who plays Dr Siti Hasmah during her student days, and Elly Mazlein, who portrays Dr Siti Hasmah as a prime minister's wife.

The two were also present at the interview and asked Dr Siti Hasmah

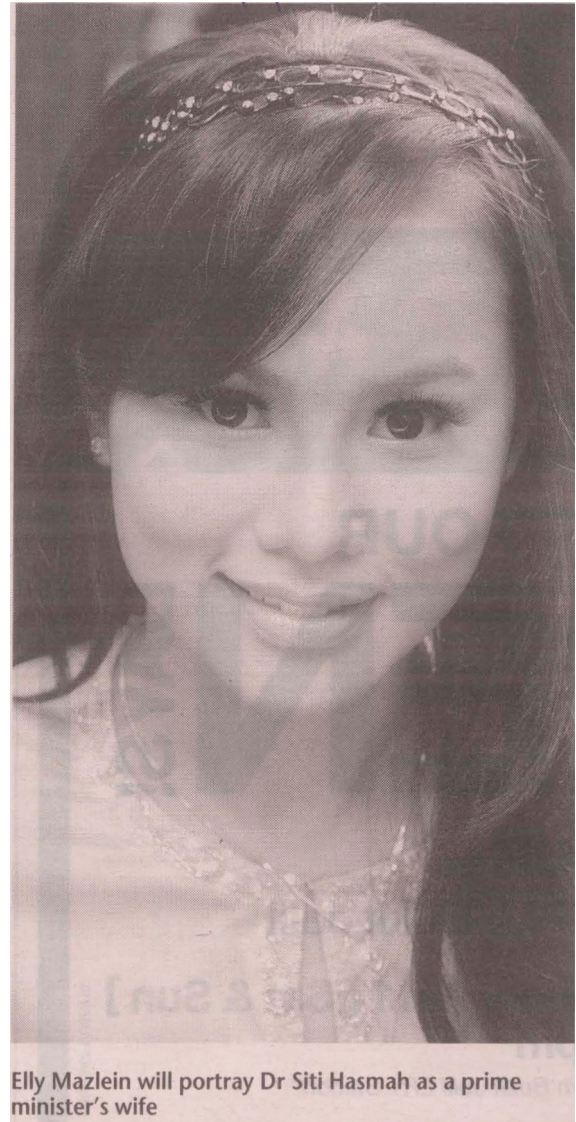


Misha Omar will play the role of Dr Siti Hasmah during her student days

for guidance and advice on how to play the character.

"I can't comment on the scenes other than those relating to me, but everything is fine as long as you get the facts right."

Dr Siti Hasmah assured everyone that this time, Dr Mahathir would try to make it to the screening of the play. What she was concerned was



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how the couple would move in and out of the auditorium on that day.

TMTM2 director Rosminah Mohd Tahir said that there was not much difference from the first and second season of the play, except some minor parts.

TMTM2, which will be staged at Istana Budaya from Jan 21 to 30, also features other cast members

including Esma Daniah, Ezany Nizariff, Sarimah Ibrahim, Datuk AC Mizal, Datuk Jalaludin Hassan, Azean Irdawaty, Mazhar Tun Mahathir and Rosli Rahman Adam.

Tickets for the musical are priced at RM32, RM52, RM82, RM102, RM152 and RM302. Call 03-4026 5558.

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