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Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali (second from left) with **members of the Perwakilan New York** (group of wives of Malaysian diplomats) at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations Hall in New York, United States, on Thursday. **Bernama pic**

Siti Hasmah attends NY batik show

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NEW YORK: Tun Dr Siti Hasmah was impressed by efforts of the Perwakilan New York (group of wives of Malaysian diplomats) in highlighting the use of batik sarong in modern and exclusive fashion.

She expressed her delight during a fashion show organised by the group at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations Hall, here, on Thursday.

The event, inspired by wife of permanent representative to the United Nations, Datin Sharifah Ragan Syed Ismail, saw its members sashaying in modern interpretations of batik sarong, also known as batik kampung.

Siti Hasmah had shown interest in a batik sarong worn by one of the Perwakilan members during a function.

Present was Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk

Seri Anifah Aman's wife Datin Seri Rubiah Abdul Samad, who was in the city to accompany Anifah to the United Nations General Assembly.

The wife of Malaysia's ambassador to the United States, Datin Rohayazam Kamaruzaman, also attended the function with more than 20 members of Perwakilan New York.

In her speech, Sharifah Ragan said Siti Hasmah had contributed much towards the development of Malaysian women.

"Siti Hasmah's patience and efforts for Malaysia's development are also felt by women around the world."

On the fashion show, Sharifah Ragan said they wanted to bring something new to the batik sarong, which seems to be forgotten with the times. **Bernama**