

**Set Up Committee To Drive Roadmap, Urged Puteri  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno has proposed the setting up of a special committee comprising economic experts and professionals to drive the Bumiputera Economic Transformation Roadmap.

Its representative, Jamilah Hanim Othman said the committee should involve think tanks such as the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, professional bodies, chambers of commerce, non-governmental organisations and the Umno Economic Bureau.

They could formulate the best structure and resources to support the programme, she said when supporting the motion on economy tabled by Perak Umno at the Umno General Assembly 2011 here today.

Launched in 2011, the roadmap was aimed at increasing the Bumiputera economic participation in the country.

Jamilah said she regretted that only nine or nine per cent of 100 major public listed companies in Bursa Malaysia were owned by Bumiputera and only 43 or 0.043 per cent of 1,000 companies in the bourse were owned by Bumiputera.

She said ironically, the equity of the Bumiputera-owned companies was controlled by Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB).

"Villagers have invested in PNB for over 20 years but is the dividend of less than 10 per cent paid is as competitive as an investment in Bank Rakyat?" she quipped.

Jamilah also proposed the setting up of the First Bumiputera Entrepreneurs Scheme with a RM500 million fund dedicated to first-time entrepreneurs below 40 years.

She said the fund could be raised partly through the RM200 million allocation to Mara and Tekun Nasional.

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