

Wanita Umno Calls For Immediate Implementation Of Flexible Working Hours
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno called on the government to review the Employment Act 1955 to enable flexible working hours to be implemented immediately in the country.

Its representative, Normala Abdul Samad, said this was because the implementation of flexible working hours was the most suitable way to encourage more women to join the workforce and reduce the country's dependency on foreign workers.

"Women's participation in economic activities is no longer an option or political rhetoric, but more of a pre-requirement for a sustainable economic development.

"No employer will deny the commitment and determination showed by their women employees who have also been recognised as the most productive, determined and focused workers," she said when debating the motion on the economy at the 2011 Umno General Assembly here Friday.

Normala said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, when speaking at the Global Summit of Women in 2008, had also said that the flexible working hours was the most appropriate measure to take to encourage women to join the workforce.

"Three years have passed and we haven't see any effort taken to review the Employment Act 1955 with regards to the issue," said Normala, who is also Pasir Gudang Umno chief.

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