

**Special Children Need Attention To Safeguard Future, Says Rosmah  
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Special children, who make up one per cent of Malaysia's population, require specific attention to safeguard their welfare and future, said the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Some members of society might have overlooked them or did not realise the presence of these special children, said Rosmah who is the president of the Welfare Body of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) at its Raya do-cum-children's party at Seri Perdana, here, Thursday.

Also present was the deputy prime minister's wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, who is also Bakti vice-president.

"This afternoon, we have the opportunity to fete 500 special children, orphans and less fortunate children from 16 welfare homes, foundations and associations," said Rosmah.

She said the function today was special due to the presence of local university students as volunteers, who were able to learn how to handle special children.

"It sees the various groups of people working together to organise an event in the spirit of cooperation and unity, which is in line with the 1Malaysia concept," she added.

Rosmah also said that the role of the wives of national leaders was not limited to accompanying their husbands to official functions and visits to the constituencies.

"They should also together go down to the ground to help organise programmes and activities for the good of the people, including special children."

The attendees at today's raya do were entertained with a performance by Permata Seni children and local artistes like Aznil Nawawi, Lan Pet Pet, Raja Azura and Dafi.

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