

Rosmah Calls On NGOs To Find Alternative Source Of Income
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) should strive to generate their own income and not just depending on aids and donations from the government or corporate bodies, Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor said today.

She said it was true that corporate bodies were encouraged to give aids and donations to NGOs as part of their corporate social responsibility.

"However, I would like to ask the NGOs to ensure their own sustainability. Don't depend so much on those aids and donations, but instead, find a way to generate your own income," she said when launching the Malaysian Women Foundation (MWF) here today.

She also explained that the NGOs functioned as a complement to the efforts mounted by the government to improve the people's wellbeing because they could fill the gap in areas that cannot be reached by the government.

As the patron of the foundation, Rosmah also urged MWF to stress of educational programmes to produce a group of women with a high level of confidence to lead other women in Malaysia.

"If the MWF were to create an excellent success story, it must find and fill the gap and venture into areas that have never been explored before," Rosmah said.

Meanwhile, MWF chairman Datuk Faridah Abu Hassan said they were planning to establish a special university for women like those established in several other Asian countries.

"The idea is still being discussed. It's the MWF's future plan to help the women and it will be proposed to the relevant authorities," she said.

Established in November 2010, MWF has a vision to empower women through education and welfare towards social and economic wellbeing based on the concept of 1Malaysia.

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