

**Disabled Have Special Talents, Potential, Says Rosmah  
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SEREMBAN, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- The prime minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor Wednesday said the many programmes organised for the disabled had shown society that this group of individuals possessed special qualities and talents.

She said the programmes had also created public awareness that the disabled had the potential to be economically independent by producing quality products, for instance.

"This could help remove discrimination as well as the perception that the disabled are incapable of taking care of themselves and always relying on aid and sympathy from the public and government."

Rosmah said this at the closing of a state-level disabled talent competition and product carnival of the community-based rehabilitation centres (PDKs), here.

Also present were Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and his wife Raja Datin Seri Salbiah Tengku Nujumudin, state legislative assembly Speaker Datuk Razak Mansor and State Secretary Datuk Mat Ali Hassan.

Rosmah said the disabled could actually be self-reliant and go further in life.

She said community programmes by charitable and welfare bodies through the Semai Bakti programme could have a positive impact on the development of the disabled.

"Programmes like today's can surely motivate the PDKs to be more active in entrepreneurship and in guiding the trainees in producing quality products, so that these products can be marketed at a higher level.

"With training and guidance provided by specially-hired professionals, this group of citizens will be able to hone and enhance their skills in various fields," Rosmah said.

Forty PDKs with 150 disabled and more than 200 staff took part in the event.

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