

Rosmah Urges Girl Guides To Keep Abreast Of Change
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SHAH ALAM, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, wife of the prime minister, today called on Girl Guides to constantly keep up to date with emerging changes and undertake programmes that will benefit young girls and women.

Rosmah, who is president of the Malaysian Girl Guides Association, said they should take advantage of the new media technology in their activities and campaigns to reach out to the intended target group.

"I do acknowledge that the hardest thing to change is indeed our thinking but what is most needed in the journey of empowering our young girls and women is a change in the mindset.

"We need to shift to thinking that Girl Guides must always dream big, be creative and always 'be prepared' to extend a helping hand, especially to the community.

"Needless to say, it is important that we stay relevant and updated with the emerging changes," she said when opening the joint Asia Pacific-Arab Regional Training of Trainers workshop on the theme "Emerging World that Youth Face Today" at a hotel, here.

The six-day workshop, organised by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), started yesterday and sees the participation of about 100 people from 32 countries in the Asia Pacific and Arab regions.

Besides being a platform to share best practices among trainers, the workshop will also discuss issues such as educating 21st century learners.

Rosmah said women should emphasise education to bring out the leadership skills in them.

Citing global challenges such as gender discrimination and abuses which women faced, she said it was time for women to excel in education and strive to be leaders.

As such, she urged WAGGGS to put on the thinking cap and find new ways and approaches to interpret the role of women in the current reality.

"It is our duty to prepare today's young girls to become good leaders of tomorrow. To achieve this, education plays an important tool. It will give our children the capacity and capabilities to be good leaders," she said.

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