

Don't sideline single mums, says Rosmah
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PEKAN: Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor said single mothers, especially the young ones, should not be sidelined or place themselves on the sidelines.

"To ensure that they are still relevant in the development process, they should continue improving themselves to be knowledgeable, skilled and innovative people," the prime minister's wife said when simultaneously opening the annual general meetings of Pekan Single Mothers Association and the Women's Institute here yesterday.

She said women must always play their roles effectively as they were the main pillar for change and development.

"Strengthening and improving women's skills and position do not mean that we want them to take over the roles of men.

"What we actually want is to have their rights and livelihood safeguarded," she said, adding that single mothers should always be given the opportunity to earn a living.

Rosmah said women should also be given equal access to quality education, job opportunity and healthcare, while the authorities must do all they can to help these women settle their problems, including domestic, legal, business and health issues.

Rosmah later handed over ice cream makers to 47 single mothers in the constituency here to help them supplement their incomes.

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