

780 Women Have Vast Potential To Become Corporate Board Members - Muhyiddin Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- A total of 780 women in the country have vast potential to become corporate board members, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

He said it was the number registered as at July 31 in the Women Directors' Registry System database developed by the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

To ensure participation of more women in the decision-making level, he said the government had, on June 27, 2011, introduced a policy to have at least 30 per cent women at the decision-making level in the corporate sector.

"Based on the information from the Finance Ministry, the women's participation as members of board of directors in companies under the Minister of Finance Inc (MOF Inc) has reached 15.3 per cent on April this year compared with just 14 per cent in 2012," he said when launching the 11th Women's Summit here Tuesday.

The deputy prime minister said as at Dec 31 last year, nine per cent of the members of board of directors and 28 per cent of senior management officials in the largest government-linked companies (GLC) under the GLC Transformation Programme were women. The summit, which has been held since 2003, is an opening event of the National Women's Day which will be celebrated on Aug 25 each year.

At the Global Summit of Women 2013 held here last June, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had also challenged the private sector, as well as GLC and commissions, to ensure participation of at least 30 per cent women at the decision-making level by 2016.

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