

**Correcting Negative Perception Among Biggest Challenges For Puteri UMNO Chief - Rosnah  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin has admitted that one of the biggest challenges she faced during her term as Puteri UMNO chief is to correct the negative public perception of Puteri UMNO.

Among the negative perceptions are about Puteri UMNO members being immature and pretentious, she said.

"I did not say that we are all perfect because there always a rotten apple to spoil it for the rest of us. The truth is, we are always prepared and dare to change," she said in an interview with Bernama in conjunction of the upcoming UMNO election 2013.

Rosnah said it was normal for politicians to be disliked, especially by their opponents who felt threatened by their presence in the party.

However, she said she firmly believed that each person has every right to her own opinion and perception.

"To lead the youngest wing in the country's largest Malay party is not an easy task, but that was the challenge I promised to take when I was voted as Puteri UMNO chief," said Rosnah, who is also Deputy Works Minister.

Rosnah said it was also a challenge for her when Puteri UMNO was entrusted with the responsibility to lure young people to support UMNO and Barisan Nasional (BN).

She said it was not fair to put that responsibility solely on Puteri UMNO and UMNO Youth's shoulders.

This is a common responsibility for UMNO, especially after the many bad perception of UMNO and BN created by the opposition, she said, adding that all quarters in BN should work closely together to find the best suitable formula to the issue.

Rosnah, who turns 41 this year, will have to let go of the Puteri UMNO chief post because of the age limit factor, which is 40 years old, and contest for the Wanita UMNO executive committee seat at the party polls scheduled to be held next month.

She was also planning to contest for a Supreme Council seat, but the matter will only be finalised at the Sabah UMNO meeting next Tuesday.

"I will leave it to Wanita UMNO delegates to decide on that, but I really would like to join Wanita UMNO for UMNO," she added.

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