

**Government Reviews Policy For Elderly In Preparation For Ageing Nation Status**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 26 (Bernama) -- The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry will review the policy on an ageing population as an early preparation to face an ageing nation status, which is expected in 2030.

Its minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim said the study will be based on the current input and recent studies related to the matter.

She said the ministry in collaboration with the National Ageing Research Institute and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) will study and formulate programmes related to senior citizens.

"This policy (on an ageing population) must be reviewed consistently, perhaps it's a bit late but nevertheless it's important that we be prepared for the ageing state or 'ageing' like Japan where many make preparations to live in an ageing society (ageing nation).

"Maybe when the policies were being formulated the longevity factor and the hobbies of the elderly were not taken into consideration, we do not want them to suffer from depression," she told reporters at the Parliament lobby here, today.

The ministry was also studying and conducting programmes 'towards an aging nation', besides organising seminars and conferences to share information and strengthen relevant policies, she added.

"Currently, the ministry is creating a range of facilities for the elderly and expanding health services and hospitals to meet their healthcare needs."

She said the government was also increasing activity centres for the elderly to enable them to face old age with their families.

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