

**Siti Hasmah Launches First Book On Women Leaders In Academia**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- A book titled "Women in Malaysian Academia", produced in recognition of women pro-chancellors, chancellors, vice-chancellors and rectors of Malaysian public and private universities, was launched, here, today.

The 160-page coffee-table book which is the first publication on women who helmed Malaysia's institutions of higher learning, features the biographies of 32 women along with some of their speeches.

Wife of the fourth prime minister, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali launched the book at the Perdana Leadership Foundation (PLF) building today. The book was jointly published by PLF and the Multimedia University.

Siti Hasmah in her speech said she came up with the idea on the book a few years ago after she realised there were no books on women who served as chancellors, pro-chancellors and vice-chancellors in Malaysian universities.

"I hope this publication will inspire other Malaysian women in their own vocations," she said, adding that the book applauded and highlighted the remarkable women who broke the glass ceiling and paved new paths for other women to follow.

Siti Hasmah has served as chancellor of Multimedia University for 15 years.

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