

Rosmah Hosts Overseas Students at Seri Perdana
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor Saturday night attended a dinner and get-together with overseas students as well as UMNO Youth and Puteri members at the prime minister's official residence at Seri Perdana here.

The event held in conjunction with the UMNO General Assembly 2015 was attended by 200 students from UMNO Clubs in several foreign universities including UMNO Overseas Clubs secretary Datuk Sharif Hamid.

In her speech, the Prime Minister's wife said the involvement of the younger generation in politics showed that UMNO and Barisan Nasional (BN) did not ignore the voice of the group in shaping the country's future.

She said with fresh ideas, creativity and critical input, their insights and hope would help ensure that UMNO as the lynchpin of BN will remain relevant and be relied by the people.

"It is evident, that the involvement of young people in politics is actually able to strengthen intellectual development, and at the same time opens up the space for them to devote their energy and struggle for the rights and interests of the community.

"The involvement of young people in the political spectrum is one of the approaches that give space and rights to young people to speak out and express their opinion in a civil and courteous manner on any national policy as well as issues relating to social problems," she said.

Rosmah, who was touched upon being called 'mother' by the students, drew attention to the acute challenges faced by UMNO currently including untruths about the noble efforts of the government, which had been 'made viral' and alarmed the people.

She said the young people of Overseas UMNO Clubs serving as BN 'ambassadors' should explain the truth and to correct any misperceptions.

"Investigate the validity of any slander or malicious propaganda to tarnish the image of the leaders, the party and the country which are spread across social media by first getting confirmation through communication with the party's representatives or leaders," she said.

Meanwhile, Sydney UMNO Club chairman Anas Ibrahim Azmi, who spoke on behalf of the

students thanked Rosmah, whom he referred to as 'mother', for inviting them for the third time to the event, while expressing their determination to uphold the image of the party and defend the administration of Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as prime minister.

As small ambassadors we will ensure that student support remains intact towards UMNO and BN by explaining issues that arise in a diplomatic and informative manner to erase any negative perceptions, he said.

According to Anas Ibrahim, 150 Overseas UMNO Clubs representatives would attend UMNO's General Assembly as delegates and observers.

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