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Tajuk : MAJLIS PENYAMPAIAN MESIN JAHIT
Lokasi : PUSAT JAGAAN LANJUTAN, JALAN SYERS, KUALA LUMPUR
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Puan Sandra Dragon, Presiden American Women's Association;

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Azizan bin Zainul Abidin, Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Dalam Negeri;

Yang Berbahagia En. Mohd. Shariff bin Osman, Ketua Pengarah, Bahagian Rawatan Dan Pemulihan Dadah Malaysia;

Ahli-Ahli American Women's Association;

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

Saya merasa bangga di atas kehadiran tuan-tuan dan puan-puan pada pagi ini untuk sama-sama menyaksikan penyampaian mesin-mesin jahit oleh Persatuan Perempuan Amerika atau American Women's Association untuk para penagih dadah wanita yang sedang menjalani rawatan di Pusat Pemulihan Dadah Kemumin, Kelantan.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. It gives me great pleasure to see so many of you present here this morning to witness the presentation of sewing machines by the American Women's Association for the women addicts under treatment at the Pusat Pemulihan Dadah Kemumin, Kelantan.

3. This is a fine gesture on the part of the American Women in Malaysia to the cause of rehabilitation of women drug dependants -- a good example of women helping women.

4. These gifts come in handy, and I should say, very timely as the Ministry of Home Affairs is about to put into operation the first Rehabilitation Centre for women addicts in the country in Kemumin, Kota Bharu, Kelantan. These sewing machines form part of the workshop equipment geared towards giving the addicts vocational training therapeutically designed to provide them with the necessary skills to enable them to fend for themselves on being discharged from the centre.

5. The female drug dependant in this country suffers greater social set-backs and communal prejudice than their male counter-parts. Their pressing problems, I feel, should be better understood by women who should rally themselves in giving these unfortunate people another chance in life.

6. The number of female addicts in this country is very small in comparison to the total addict population. It is therefore important that we strive to keep this figure down.

And may I, in this direction, appeal to everyone in this country, particularly women organisations and voluntary bodies, to come forward to give the Government a helping hand in its effort to eradicate this menace that threatens every social fabric.

7. Once again I would like to thank the American Women's Association for their valuable contribution towards the cause of rehabilitation of women drug dependants, a feature which I hope will be well emulated by other women's organisations and voluntary bodies.

Thank you.