

FACE-ing new knowledge

Rosmah hopes centre will boost research on development

SERDANG: Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor hopes a new research centre based in Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) will boost scientific research on the development of children, teenagers and family institution as well as help generate new knowledge.

The Prime Minister's wife also expressed the hope that the Family, Adolescent and Child Research Centre (FACE) would become a prestigious research centre in the country and in the international arena.

"I hope FACE will continue to expand to ensure the continuity of the quality of the young generation and family institution," she said in her speech during the launch of the centre and UPM Permata Nursery Lab (Makmal Taska Permata UPM).

UPM vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi said the university would also utilise FACE as a lab school to support Permata

Negara programme.

Rosmah, also the Permata Negara patron, said the organisation had made UPM the main agency to train Permata teachers since 2010.

She added that until now, 1,711 teachers had participated in the Permata Negara Teacher Course and 582 participants were trained through the Orientation Course, Refresher Course, Standard Operating Procedure Management workshop and Student Management Workshop.

"I have been informed that until the end of this year, UPM will train another 200 trainers under the Basic Child Care Course as preparation to fully implement the Permata Negara curriculum next year," she said.

Rosmah also hoped that child-care centres could be set up in universities whereby undergraduates could send their children while they attend their lectures.