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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: CONNECTING GIRLS, INSPIRING FUTURE

Tomorrow, 8 March 2012, we celebrate the International Women's Day with the theme "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Future". It is an occasion to look back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, to prepare ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

The progress, development and achievement of women in Malaysia did not happen by chance. It is through the commitment of the Government that strategically planned the progress of our women in a commendable and structured manner, thus enabling women to rise to the occasion.

However, the Government is not resting on its laurels. There are still many more initiatives that need to be carried out so that the women in Malaysia can stand as tall as their counterparts in other countries.

The Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development is pleased to note that the corporate sector and the trade unions have planned

several events to celebrate the International Women's Day. This positive development augurs well, indicating that the society is more aware of the significance of the day.

To commemorate International Women's Day today, the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development wishes all women a happy day. Let us remind ourselves that we are an invaluable force and that our talent, ability and resourcefulness are much need for the country to move ahead. Let's use this occasion to review how far we have come in our struggles and continue to reach out. Remember, progress for women is progress for all.

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