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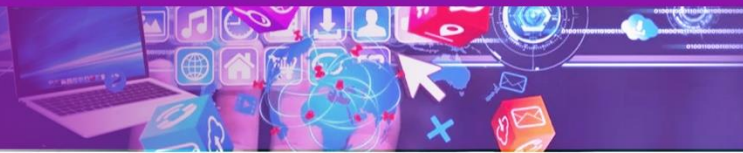
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Perluas program kahwin secara serentak, bantu tingkatkan kadar kelahiran - Nancy

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*Nancy menyantuni pasangan pengantin pada Majlis Akad Nikah Semarak Ummah 2023 di Masjid Darul Hana Petra Jaya hari ini.
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KUCHING: Penganjuran program akad nikah beramai-ramai secara serentak perlu diperluaskan, bagi memudahkan urusan perkahwinan di Malaysia dan secara tidak langsung memberi kesan positif kepada kadar kelahiran di negara ini yang semakin menurun, kata Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri.

Beliau berkata penganjuran majlis sedemikian juga membantu pasangan muda, khususnya dari sudut ekonomi memandangkan mereka tidak perlu menanggung kos pernikahan yang tinggi.

"Kalau buat majlis (pernikahan) sendiri, sama ada di masjid atau rumah, mereka kena bayar sewa ruang sekali, jadi dapat kita lihat bagaimana kerajaan boleh membantu untuk berkolaborasi (dengan majlis agama negeri).

"Penganjuran sebegini perlu dipertingkatkan dan mudah-mudahan dapat menambah bilangan penduduk kita di Sarawak dan seterusnya Malaysia," katanya ketika ditemui selepas program Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 di Masjid Darul Hana, di sini, hari ini.

Berdasarkan Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia pada Oktober lepas, kadar kesuburan penduduk Malaysia telah menurun dengan mendadak sejak lima dekad lepas, dengan bilangan anak bagi seorang wanita pada 2022 hanya 1.6 orang berbanding 6.7 orang pada 1957, sekali gus menjadikan kadar itu paling rendah pernah dicatat dalam negara.

Berikutan itu, Nancy dilaporkan berkata kementeriannya akan melaksanakan kempen berkaitan pembinaan keluarga bermula tahun depan, seperti penganjuran seminar bagi menggalakkan orang muda berkahwin seterusnya membina keluarga.

Terdahulu, Nancy menyaksikan seramai 30 pasangan selamat diijabkabulkan pada program Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 yang dianjurkan oleh Masjid Darul Hana, Pejabat Agama Islam Bahagian Kuching dan Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak.



Law also protects you, Nancy assures abused men

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Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri delivering her speech.

KUCHING: Men are a little reluctant when it comes to reporting instances of domestic abuse or sexual harassment against them.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri who said the Domestic Violence Act 1994 (Act 521) gives equal protection to men and women lamented that this is the problem.

"In terms of the target (of the law), it may be more towards women as this group is more affected, but the Act is also applicable to men in Malaysia.

"However, if men are victims of abuse or domestic violence, how many come forward to file complaints? Not many come forward," she said.

Nancy said this during a press conference after attending the 'Akad Semarak Ummah 2023' programme at the Darul Hana Kuching Mosque on Saturday (Dec 9).

Nancy who is Santubong MP pointed out that protection for both men and women extends not only to domestic violence cases but also covers sexual harassment.

To address this, she said the ministry organised the 'Jerayawara Kasih' programme of Advocacy Against Sexual Harassment, encouraging men to step forward and report incidents to counsellors available at designated counters.

However, she acknowledged that some men might hesitate to report to the police, possibly due to feelings of embarrassment.

In light of this, Nancy said that the advocacy programmes have become more active.

"Perhaps because our advocacy programme is becoming more active day by day, so they feel more open to revealing the situations they have been experiencing all this time and so on," she added.

She also stressed that sexual harassment is not limited to male-to-female or male-to-male instances, as there are cases of women harassing men, though the reported numbers are relatively low.

"That's why it's crucial for the advocacy programme we organise to encourage men to come forward and make reports."

In the context of workplace harassment, the implementation of the 'Jerayawara Kasih' programme aligns with the Employment (Amendment) Act 2022, which became effective January 1.

This amendment requires employers to display notices regarding sexual harassment in the workplace.

The ministry has developed anti-sexual harassment notices that can be downloaded via QR code and the Women's Development Department's website for display in all organisations, including public and private premises.

Additionally, the ministry has enacted the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act 2022 (Act 840) as a specific law to assist victims in reporting incidents of sexual harassment, ensuring appropriate action and remedies are provided.



Banjir di Kelantan semakin pulih, hanya 62 mangsa di PPS Pasir Mas

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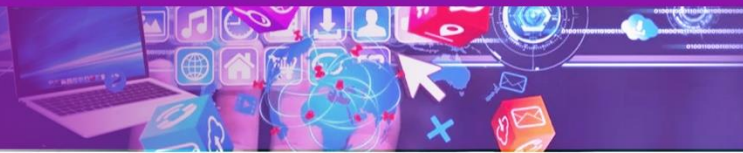


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KOTA BHARU: Keadaan banjir di Kelantan hampir pulih sepenuhnya apabila hanya 62 mangsa masih ditempatkan di pusat pemindahan sementara (PPS) setakat jam 10 malam ini.

Menurut portal Info Bencana Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM), semua mangsa daripada 22 keluarga masih ditempatkan di PPS Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Gual To' Deh, Pasir Mas.

Keadaan cuaca yang bertambah baik sejak beberapa hari lalu menyebabkan banjir semakin pulih dan tiga PPS ditutup hari ini.



Madani govt one-year programme: Free cervical cancer screening test, mammograms help visitors to save over RM200



People walk by the Madani logo during the Madani government's one-year anniversary programme at Bukit Jalil National Stadium December 9, 2023. — Picture by Shafwan Zaidon

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 9 — The free cervical cancer screening test (HPV DNA) and mammograms conducted by the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN) in conjunction with the Madani Government One Year Anniversary Programme help the public save between RM200 and RM300.

Siti Norzeerah Aiffah Badron, 33, who was diagnosed with ovarian cysts when she was 15, came from Puchong, Selangor to the Bukit Jalil National Stadium here on her motorcycle for the free test.

"At 15, doctors told me I had (ovarian) cysts, and since then I have to undergo cervical cancer screening consistently, which costs RM200 per test, but here it is free," she told Bernama after undergoing the HPV DNA test at LPPKN mobile clinic.

The hotel clerk said she was satisfied with the services because the medical officer provided complete explanations of the test results to her.

Wong Kae Yin, 42, who also came from Puchong said the clinic under LPPKN's mobile family centre is convenient, adding that visitors are assisted by three nurses.

"They give good information... I already underwent the Pap smear test, and we will get the results...through phone call and email," she added.

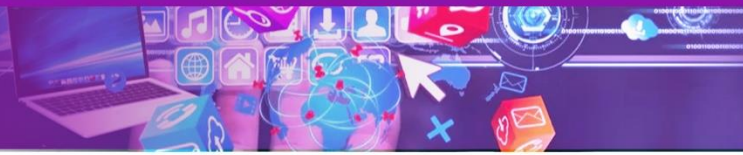
Meanwhile, a spokesman for LPPKN said so far, 50 visitors, aged between 30 and 65 have undergone the HPV DNA test, adding that LPPKN is targeting more than 100 participants throughout the three-day programme that kicked off yesterday.

Also popular with the crowd is the Ministry of Health's (MoH) booth, as they are giving free health kits containing a thermometer, finger pulse oximeter and face masks.

MoH Media Literacy Sector Arfah Mahani Amran said to get the health kit, visitors are only required to undergo blood pressure, blood sugar and Body Mass Index (BMI) checks, dental examinations, and health advisory services, adding that 45,000 kits have been prepared for the purpose.

A technician, Mohd Raffiudin Hassan, 38, who attended the programme with his family, said this government's initiative benefits the people, especially the B40 group.

"MoH also gave us (health) kits, which I find very important because nowadays people are starting to pay more attention to their health, especially with the uncertain situation of Covid-19," he added. — Bernama



KPM siasat dakwaan pelajar lari dari sekolah kerana jadi mangsa buli

Oleh KOSMO! 9 Disember 2023, 10:09 pm



Daniel Akmal yang dilaporkan hilang ditemui di sebuah pondok menunggu bas, sekitar Kuala Lumpur, malam semalam.

PETALING JAYA – Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM) sedang menjalankan siasatan berhubung dakwaan kes buli melibatkan seorang pelajar sehingga dia bertindak melarikan diri dari sekolah baru-baru ini.

“Surat Pekeliling Ikhtisas (SPI) Bilangan 12 dan 13 Tahun 2023, bertarikh 3 November 2023 perlu dijadikan panduan bagi menangani gejala buli dan gangguan seksual di semua institusi pendidikan KPM,” kata kenyataan itu.

Dalam kenyataan sama, KPM memaklumkan pihaknya menyediakan empat saluran utama bagi membolehkan murid, ibu bapa dan masyarakat membuat aduan mengenai kes buli serta gangguan seksual.

“Aduan boleh dibuat menerusi talian khas Aduan Buli, aplikasi WhatsApp, e-mel adubuli@moe.gov.my dan aduan buli dalam Sistem Pengurusan Aduan Awam (SISPAA),” terang kenyataan itu lagi.

Terdahulu, Kosmo! melaporkan seorang pelajar, Muhammad Daniel Akmal Zulkhairi, 14 yang hilang dari kawasan sebuah sekolah berasrama penuh pada Khamis lalu ditemukan dalam keadaan lemah di Masjid Saidina Othman, Bandar Tun Razak malam semalam.

Menurut ibu mangsa, dia mendakwa anaknya bertindak melarikan diri dari sekolah berikutan dibuli pelajar lain. – KOSMO! ONLINE



SETAHUN MADANI: KAFETEEN SEDIA PERKHIDMATAN BUAT REMAJA, BELIA



Penolong Pengarah LPPKN Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur Muhamad Afiq Ab Latif

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KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Dis (Bernama) – Golongan remaja dan belia turut disantuni pada Program Setahun Bersama Kerajaan MADANI menerusi KafeTEEN yang menawarkan pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif, khidmat kaunseling serta perkhidmatan klinikal secara percuma, antaranya bagi memeriksa masalah kulit berjerawat dan kitaran haid tidak teratur.

Penolong Pengarah Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN) Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur Muhamad Afiq Ab Latif berkata KafeTEEN yang ditubuhkan LPPKN sejak 10 tahun lepas adalah pusat interaktif, bertujuan membantu golongan itu mendepani alam remaja dengan penuh keyakinan dan selesa.

"Apa yang KafeTEEN lebih tekankan adalah tentang kesihatan reproduktif seperti apabila mereka akil baligh, apa mereka patut buat (selepas itu) dan apabila berlaku perubahan fizikal hormon mereka, bagaimana untuk mengawal perasaan, nafsu dan sebagainya. Jadi, kami akan bantu terangkan kepada mereka.

"Bagi golongan dewasa atau ibu bapa pula, kami memberi pendedahan mengenai perkhidmatan disediakan KafeTEEN sebab kadang-kadang ibu bapa malu hendak bercerita dengan anak-anak mereka mengenai isu berkaitan kesihatan reproduktif ini," katanya ketika ditemui Bernama di pekarangan Stadium Nasional Bukit Jalil di sini.

Mengulas lanjut, Muhamad Afiq berkata khidmat kaunseling disediakan KafeTEEN bertujuan membantu dalam masalah kesihatan lelaki dan perempuan termasuk kesihatan mental.

Justeru, katanya ia wajar dimanfaatkan sebaik mungkin susulan perkhidmatan itu berbeza dengan kaunseling sekolah yang lebih memfokuskan kepada isu berkaitan disiplin dan etika sebagai seorang murid atau pelajar.

Beliau berkata pihaknya menyasarkan menyantuni 700 remaja serta belia berumur 13 hingga 24 tahun sepanjang tiga hari program itu berlangsung bermula semalam.



TAJUK : AKAD NIKAH SEMARAK UMMAH DIPERLUAS TINGKAT KELAHIRAN

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Akad Nikah Semarak Ummah diperluas tingkat kelahiran

Program susulan kadar kesuburan penduduk turun mendadak

Oleh Mohd Roji Kawi
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Kuching: Penganjuran program Akad Nikah Semarak Ummah akan dikembangkan dengan lebih meluas bagi meningkatkan kelahiran, sekali gus membantu mencapai sasaran 46 juta orang penduduk di negara ini menjelang 2071.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, berkata ia antara langkah yang diambil bagi meningkatkan kelahiran berikutan kadar kesuburan penduduk negara menurun mendadak sejak 50 tahun lalu.

Beliau berkata, menerusi program itu, kerajaan membiayai perbelanjaan mailis pernikahan dan kenduri pasangan terpilih, sekali gus meringankan beban mereka untuk memulakan hidup baharu.

"Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWK M) menggalakkan program ini (Akad Semarak Ummah) dengan mengadakan akad nikah beramai-ramai dengan matlamat untuk membantu meningkatkan kelahiran kerana kita melihat ka-

dar kesuburan di negara ini kini amat menurun.

"Kadar kesuburan penduduk di Malaysia menurun mendadak, iaitu daripada 6.7 orang anak bagi seorang wanita pada 1957 kepada 4.0 orang anak pada 1980; 3.0 orang anak pada 2000; 2.1 orang anak pada 2010 dan terkini hanya 1.6 orang anak pada 2022, kadar terendah yang pernah dicatatkan oleh negara kita," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas Program Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 di Masjid Darul Hana, di sini, semalam.

Program ringan beban

Seramai 30 pasangan menyertai program itu dengan semua perbelanjaan majlis ditanggung oleh kerajaan, manakala pengantin ha-



Nancy menyaksikan Mohammad Safri Taip menyarungkan cincin kepada Steffi Marcus pada Program Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 di Masjid Darul Hana, Kuching, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

nya perlu membayar RM15 bagi mendapatkan sijil nikah.

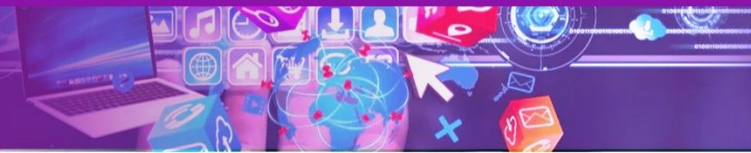
Nancy berkata, kadar kesuburan yang rendah, sekali gus mempercepatkan proses penuaan penduduk dan Malaysia dijangka akan menjadi negara tua pada 2044, iaitu apabila 15 peratus daripada keseluruhan penduduknya berusia 60 tahun dan ke atas.

Selain membantu meringankan beban pasangan untuk mengadakan majlis, beliau berkata,

program itu juga bermatlamat untuk menggalakkan remaja bernikah secara sah.

"Program ini juga bermatlamat menangani isu mengandung luar nikah kalangan remaja.

"Selain membantu mereka bernikah dengan cara betul, KPWK M menerusi Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN) juga menyediakan kursus bagi pasangan muda menguruskan diri dan keluarga," katanya.



TAJUK : 'EXPAND MASS WEDDINGS TO BOOST BIRTH RATE'

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

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'Expand mass weddings to boost birth rate'

KUCHING: More mass marriage solemnisation programmes need to be organised to ease marriage procedures in Malaysia and indirectly help boost the declining birth rate in the country, Women, Family, and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri said.

Such events also benefited young couples, especially from an economic perspective, as they do not have to bear the high costs of weddings, she added.

"If they organise the ceremony themselves, whether in the mosque or at home, they have to pay for the rental of the space. So, we will see how the government can collaborate with the state religious authorities to help with organising more of such events, as hopefully, it can boost the population in Sarawak and, consequently, Malaysia," she said after the Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 at Darul Hana Mosque here yesterday, Bernama reported.

According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia's data released in October last year, the fertility rate in Malaysia has sharply declined over the past five decades, with the number of children per woman in 2022 being only 1.6 compared to 6.7 in 1957, making it the lowest rate ever recorded.



TAJUK : BUCKING THE DECLINE IN BIRTH RATE

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AKHBAR : THE SUNDAY POST

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Bucking the decline in birth rate

With fertility rate lowest in 50 years, ministry eyes ways to encourage more marriages

By Nur Shazreena Ali
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KUCHING: The Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development is looking at ways to encourage greater social interaction and marriage amidst the nation's declining birth rate.

Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri said Malaysia might reach its 'ageing nation' status earlier than predicted if no measures are taken to counter the impact.

Citing the Department of Statistics Malaysia, she said the total fertility rate in the nation has reached its lowest in five decades with 1.6 children per woman between the ages of 15 and 49.

"Over the past five decades, the fertility rate of the country's population has dropped sharply – from 6.7 children per woman in 1957 to 4.0 children in 1980; 3.0 children in 2000; 2.1 children in 2010; and the latest being 1.6 children in 2022, the lowest rate ever recorded by our country.

"This decrease in fertility rate simultaneously accelerates the ageing process of the population, with Malaysia expected to become an ageing country in 2044, whereby 15 per cent of the population are 60 years and above," she said.

She said this when met after attending the marriage solemnisation ceremony for 30 Muslim couples at the Akad



The 30 couples seen during the mass marriage solemnisation ceremony at Masjid Darul Hana. — Photo by Chimon Upon

Semarak Ummah programme at Masjid Darul Hana here yesterday.

Adding on, she said if the fertility rate continues to decrease at the current rate and no intervention is done, the country's population may reach a maximum of 46 million

by 2071 before experiencing population shrinkage in the following year.

Nancy said this trend is not solely in Malaysia but also in neighbouring countries like Singapore.

On the reason behind the declining trend of births, she

said it was partly due to delayed marriage and the education level of women.

"Women nowadays are more educated and most of them view their career as their priority, not marriage," she said.

She said one of major efforts the ministry is undertaking to

address the problem is setting up the first national subfertility centre in Shah Alam.

The centre will provide comprehensive fertility treatments and family wellbeing services, and will also function as a coordination centre for research, latest treatment

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— Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development

technologies and expertise training, she said.

"At the same time, more marriage encouragement programmes will be organised throughout the country," she said, adding these programmes will be organised similar to yesterday's Akad Semarak Ummah.

She said this is the first programme the ministry organised in tandem with the Sarawak Islamic Religious Department and the mosque's committee.

"We organise this programme for them (couples) so they feel motivated. It is an encouragement to build strong family values, especially for the young couples," she said.



TAJUK :	REPORTED CHILD ABUSE CASES JUST TIP OF THE ICEBERG - SUHAKAM		
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Farah (third left), Altaf (fourth left) in a photo call with Suhakam members and HRFS organisers.

Reported child abuse cases just tip of the iceberg — Suhakam

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Despite Sarawak not being among the states with the highest reported cases of abuse and neglect, the broader issue of children being exposed to harm and violence remains troubling.

According to Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) Children's Commissioner Dr Farah Nini Dusuki, reported cases are just the tip of the iceberg, especially when it comes to the secretive nature of child sexual abuse.

"So, that's why we want to raise greater awareness among very young children on safe and unsafe touches and educate the public on the importance of protecting children and empowering them of their rights.

"If there's anything suspicious that you see about a child, please be a busybody and find out more, as many of these cases have led to death," she said.

She was speaking to the *sundaypost* when met at the 'Rights of Children' forum which was also participated by Suhakam executive secretary Altaf Deviyati.

The forum held at La Promenade Mall here was organised as part of the Human Rights Festival Sarawak (HRFS) 2023.

Expressing concern about preventable cases, Farah cited instances where teachers suspected abuse but refrained from taking action.

She also highlighted Malaysia's robust legal framework, including mandatory reporting laws for various professionals.

"We encourage everyone to report suspicions of child abuse to social welfare officers. If you suspect the abuse is sexual in nature, you don't have a choice but to inform the police.

"Do not be afraid because your information and identity will be protected," she said.

Farah also called upon the media to disseminate

information about legal requirements, saying this would be a strong step towards lessening the incidence of child abuse or bringing cases of child abuse to the authorities.

Meanwhile, on challenges related to access to education, particularly in remote areas, she acknowledged the difficulties faced by children and the necessity of ensuring their basic rights to education.

"It is crucial to ensure that children get their basic rights to education, as education is the passport to everything – to survival, development, and protection," she said.

Commenting on Sarawak being among the states with the highest rates of underage marriages, Farah said the state's ethnic composition contributed to this, as certain communities do not have an absolute minimum age on marriage.

"Child marriage is another issue that requires attention and regulation for all communities," she added.



TAJUK : SEMARAK UMMAH: 30 COUPLES TIE THE KNOT IN MASS WEDDING

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Semarak Ummah: 30 couples tie the knot in mass wedding



Nancy (third right) and Hilmy (second right) pose with two newly-wedded couples and their family members. — Photo by Chimon Upon

KUCHING: Thirty Muslim couples tied the knot at the 'Semarak Ummah' mass wedding ceremony at Masjid Darul Hana in Petra Jaya here yesterday.

One of the couples, Ali Panel, 51, and Suriyani Suib, 45, said they were very happy to be part of the event and thanked the organisers for coming up with the initiative.

"This also helps us reduce the overall cost of the wedding, besides having the chance to share the happiness with other couples and our federal minister Datuk Seri Nancy," said Ali, who met Suriyani 18 months ago.

Organised by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and Sarawak Islamic Religious Department (Jais), the event's objective was to help ease the financial burden on the couples.

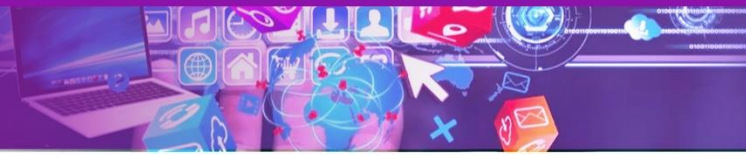
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Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, who graced the event, said the 'Semarak Ummah' mass wedding ceremony would be expanded nationwide as part of its measures to counter the declining fertility rate in the country.

The programme, she said, promotes legal marriage for those 18 years and above, which indirectly helps address teen pregnancies.

"Besides helping these young couples with the wedding expenses and legal aspects of their marriage, the ministry through the National Population and Family Development Board also provides courses for them to manage themselves and their new families," she added.

Also present at the ceremony was Kuching North Datuk Bandar Hilmy Othman.



TAJUK : SUNWAY STUDENTS DELIVER GIFTS TO ORPHANS, REFUGEE CHILDREN

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Sunway students in a group photo taken during the celebration with children from Rumah Juara.

Sunway students deliver gifts to orphans, refugee children

KUCHING: Students from Sunway University and College spread festive cheer and love to underprivileged children in conjunction with this year's Christmas celebration.

They delivered 280 Christmas presents to children from orphanages and refugee homes including Rumah Hope, Rumah Juara, and ElShaddai Refugee Learning Centre, according to a press release.

It said the Wishing Wall

project was part of Sunway campus' ongoing 'Campus with A Conscience' initiative to encourage young people to give back and contribute to the surrounding communities.

"Small gestures have the power to create positive impact. We are truly proud of our students for taking the initiative and proactiveness to share the Christmas joy and love with children from underprivileged communities," Sunway Education Group chief executive

officer of Prof Dato Elizabeth Lee said in the statement.

Meanwhile, 11-year-old Arvin from Rumah Hope could not hide his excitement when he received the gifts.

"Thank you for the presents, we are so happy! May God bless you," enthused the boy.

Another 11-year-old, Myanmar refugee Sohail shared: "I'm very happy to receive the present! Today is our last day of school and we are having a party here to celebrate."



TAJUK : PERLUAS PROGRAM AKAD NIKAH SERENTAK

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AKHBAR : UTUSAN BORNEO (SARAWAK)

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Perluas program akad nikah serentak

Oleh Marlinda Mardzuki

KUCHING: Program akad nikah beramai-ramai secara serentak harus diperluas bagi memudahkan urusan perkahwinan khasnya dalam kalangan pasangan muda.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat Dato Sri Nancy Shukri berkata, ini secara tidak langsung akan membantu meningkatkan semula kadar kelahiran di negara ini yang menurun secara mendadak sejak 50 tahun lalu.

"Sejak lima dekad lalu, kadar kesuburan penduduk di Malaysia menurun dengan mendadak iaitu daripada 6.7 orang anak bagi seorang wanita pada 1957 kepada 4.0 orang anak pada 1980.

"Seterusnya, pada 2000 hanya 3.0 anak, 2010 sebanyak 2.1 anak dan terkini hanya 1.6 orang anak pada 2022, kadar terendah yang pernah dicatatkan oleh negara kita," katanya memetik laporan Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia pada Oktober lalu.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui pemberita selepas menyempurnakan Program Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 yang disertai seramai 30 pasangan pengantin baharu di Masjid Darul Hana di sini, semalam.

Nancy berkata, kadar kesuburan yang rendah sekali gus mempercepatkan proses penuaan penduduk dengan Malaysia dijangka menjadi negara menua pada tahun 2044, iaitu apabila 15 peratus daripada keseluruhan penduduknya berusia 60 tahun dan ke atas.

"Jika kadar kesuburan terus menurun dengan kadar semasa dan tiada intervensi diambil bagi



SELAMAT PENGANTIN BAHARU: Nancy merakamkan kenangan bersama sebahagian pasangan pengantin baharu yang menyertai Program Akad Semarak Ummah 2023 di Masjid Darul Hana, Petra Jaya semalam. — Gambar Chimon Upon

● Bantu tingkatkan semula kadar kelahiran negara yang menurun mendadak sejak 50 tahun lalu: Nancy

menangani situasi ini, penduduk negara dijangka mencapai jumlah maksimum sebanyak 46 juta orang pada tahun 2071 sebelum mengalami penguncupan penduduk pada tahun berikutnya.

"Oleh itu, saya secara peribadi menggalakkan program seperti akad nikah beramai-ramai ini selain menggiatkan lagi pelaksanaannya supaya kita dapat meningkatkan

kadar kelahiran dan kependudukan Malaysia khususnya di Sarawak," kata beliau.

Selain itu, Nancy menambah, program itu juga dapat membantu meringankan beban pasangan untuk mengadakan majlis perkahwinan.

"Dan pada masa sama, kita mahu menggalakkan remaja bernikah secara sah, sekali gus menangani isu mengandung luar nikah dalam

kalangan remaja.

"Kita hendak menggalakkan perkahwinan dalam kalangan masyarakat dengan prosedur dan cara yang betul, jadi kita bantu dengan menganjurkan program sebegini," jelasnya.

Hadir sama, Datuk Bandar Dewan Bandar Kuching Utara (DBKU) Hilmy Othman, Pegawai Agama Islam Bahagian Kuching, Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak (JAIS) Helmi Nahravi, Pegawai Wakil Tentera Laut Kuching Leftenan Komander Mohamad Thomas Anggom Abdullah, Timbalan Pengerusi Lembaga Amanah Khairat Masjid Darul Hana Nor-E-Fadzwe Salleh dan Timbalan Imam Besar Masjid Negeri Sarawak Muhammad Ihsan Haidzir.