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JAKARTA: The Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor has called on human resource professionals to drive forward the agenda of developing the best talent to meet the demand of the new economy.

At the same time, she said they should also remind all parties concerned on the importance of nurturing talent for the purpose.

"To support the new human resource functions, talent remains a top concern in many organisations. This is not due to the lack of availability of workers, rather it is due to the shortage of relevant talent with critical skills and competencies.

"Across all countries today, be it developed or developing ones, there is a hunger for the best talent and we are witnessing a global race for it," she said when delivering her keynote address at the 12th Asia Human Resource Development (HRD) Congress Awards Gala Dinner, here, Thursday night.

Rosmah was the guest of

honour for the event which was also attended by the wife of Malaysian Ambassador to Indonesia Datin Sharifah Ikhlas Syed Ismail.

Rosmah said Malaysia believes in the crucial function of human resource as a building block of excellence where the country has evolved from the industrial era in the 70s and 80s to the information age in the 90s.

"Technological skills and intellectual capacity became the focus in early 2000 as we moved into the knowledge-based and innovation-led economy," she said.

This, she said, would be more significant as the country embark on a programme to transform Malaysia into a high income, more inclusive and sustainable economy in a global society.

"In line with this, the Malaysian government is undertaking a massive effort to facilitate human capital development across various sectors in order to meet the nation's needs," she said.

With regard to the female participation, Rosmah said in the effort to increase the annual GDP by two per cent annually, the Malaysian government has targetted 55 per cent female participation in the labour force by 2016.

At the event, Rosmah presented awards to 24 recipients in four achievement categories, namely Lifetime Achievement Award, Contribution to Society Award, Contribution to the Organisation Award and Contribution to Human Resource Community Award.

Recipients from Malaysia included Universiti Utara Malaysia Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak (Contribution to Society), Majlis Amanah Rakyat Director-general Datuk Ibrahim Ahmad (Contribution to the Organisation) and Director of Human Resources and Admin SapuraAcergy Sdn Bhd Mohd Bakhtiar Mohd Pahraraji (Contribution to Human Resource Community). — Bernama



MOU SIGNED: Rosmah shaking hands with the founder of Universitas Ciputra Surabaya, Dr Ir Ciputra before the signing of an MoU between UUM and Universitas Ciputra Surabaya at Hotel Ritz Carton, Mega Kuningan in Jakarta. The MoU is to forge cooperation in improving the quality of entrepreneurship education. — Bernama photo