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DEEPAVALI HI TEA FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS
KRS JV WITH NSWO & WANITA MIC

Deepavali cheer for the needy

Wanita MIC and Pekerti hold special event for underprivileged students in Negri Sembilan

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SEVENTY students from needy families in Negri Sembilan were treated to an early Deepavali celebration at Seremban's Klana Resort by the state Wanita MIC and Pekerti (the association of wives of assemblymen and senior state officials in the state).

The event, which was co-hosted by the Negri Sembilan Women's Organisation (NSWO) and Klana Resort, was graced by Raja Datu Seri Salbiah Tengku Nujumuddin, the wife of Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hassan.

Apart from being treated to local delicacies at the hotel ballroom, the students also received Deepavali money packets from Raja Salbiah.

"I am happy that these students were able to attend this do which we first hosted in 2010, and to see multiracial representatives from several NGOs who came to spread the cheer of the Festival of Lights with the children," she said.

The guests were also treated to several traditional performances by local dance troupes.



Raja Salbiah said the state government had always been supportive of programmes to strengthen racial harmony and unity.

"We in Pekerti and NSWO often act as a bridge between the state government and the people."

"I am glad we have been able to organise many programmes and celebrate festivals we have in our country together to strengthen ties and better understand our respective cultures," she said.

Raja Salbiah said under Mohamad's administration, about 32,000 individuals had been receiving monthly aid from the authorities to ensure they could put food on the table for their families.

The scheme was started in 2005, a year after Mohamad became Menteri Besar.



Raja Salbiah (centre, in cream headscarf) posing for a photo with the students at the Deepavali do in Seremban.



Raja Salbiah (fourth from left) handing over Deepavali money packets and goodies to the students.



The students listening attentively as Raja Salbiah delivers her speech.