

International Women's Day

Theme: Women Exalted, Nation Glorious

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Overview

- To promote WFWP Malaysia's participation in Malaysia's national celebration of International Women's Day, which aimed to honour women as pivotal figures driving national excellence.
- The event, inaugurated by Malaysia's Prime Minister and the Minister of Women, Family, and Community Development, reflects the government's commitment to fostering inclusivity within society - demonstrated through initiatives such as the celebration's diverse range of topics covered in the one-day program.



WFWP Malaysia was honoured to take part in Malaysia's national celebration of International Women's Day, hosted by the Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development. The event took place at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Center in Selangor, where WFWP Malaysia was proudly represented by a delegation of five

members, led by its President, Mdm Lina Cheng. This year's celebration, themed "Women Exalted, Nation Glorious," aimed to recognize women as pivotal figures driving national excellence, echoing the government's commitment to fostering inclusivity within society. International Women's Day, observed globally on March 8th, commemorates the myriad achievements of women in social, economic, cultural, and political spheres.



The event was inaugurated by Malaysia's Prime Minister, His Excellency Anwar bin Ibrahim, alongside his wife and the Minister of Women, Family, and Community Development, Hon. Nancy Shukri. Over 3000 participants from diverse backgrounds congregated at the convention centre to partake in the festivities. The comprehensive one-day program featured sessions on Anti-Sexual Harassment Advocacy,

discussions on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and forums focusing on "Zero Tolerance on Violence against Women" and "Women of Madani Aspiration." Additionally, the event showcased exhibitions and sales by women entrepreneurs and NGOs, complemented by self-defence demonstrations and live talk shows featuring exemplary women leaders.



During his address, Prime Minister Anwar bin Ibrahim conveyed the government's commitment to formulating policies that safeguard women's rights across all domains. Minister Nancy Shukri echoed this sentiment in her speech, emphasising that the national celebration aimed to honour and uplift the achievements of women nationwide, transcending barriers of

background, ethnicity, language, culture, economic status, or political affiliation.

Reflection from Participants

“I was amazed by the size of the crowd and was touched to see that many parties are concerned about the welfare and issues faced by women. The speakers provided a lot of interesting and useful knowledge on empowering women. The booths at the exhibition also provided opportunities for local women to showcase and promote their skills and products. It was a very meaningful event,” - Wan Yee, attendee.

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