

PRESS STATEMENT

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TNB SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT CALLS TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) takes heed of the government's call to improve the rakyat's financial literacy through a financial management program by Persatuan Wanita TNB (PELITAWANIS) beginning Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in Kuala Lumpur.

In the two-day program organised by TNB in collaboration with the Credit Counselling and Debt Management Agency (AKPK), 300 PELITAWANIS TNB members comprising female staff and wives of TNB staff gained valuable exposure to various aspects of financial management. This is in line with the implementation of the National Financial for Literacy Strategy 2019-2023 announced by the Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in July last year.

TNB President / Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said TNB was committed to supporting the efforts to create a community that is capable of making sound financial decisions.

"TNB is committed to developing a professionally-built ecosystem of operation network based on performance and merit, thereby supporting the company's involvement.

"The effort to empower women through financial literacy is one approach to achieve this goal, especially in the long run. Therefore, TNB is proud to support women in its ecosystem through the program organised by PELITAWANIS," said Amir Hamzah.

He said this when officiating the financial management workshop Surihati Bijak Generasi Terdidik #DemiEsok. Also present were PELITAWANIS TNB Yang Dipertua who is also Amir Hamzah's wife, Datin Seri Aidah Abu; Assistant Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia, Abu Hassan Alshari Yahya; AKPK Chairman, Anuar Mohd Hassan; AKPK Chief Executive Officer Azaddin Ngah Tasir and the top management of TNB.

Amir Hamzah added, as a corporate organisation with a substantial role in driving the nation's economy, TNB plays a vital role as a catalyst that minimises the gender gap.

According to Amir, for the past seven decades since the company's inception and development, TNB has been able to produce female professionals through Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) and the Yayasan Tenaga Nasional (YTN).

"As of the end of last year, TNB alone (excluding its subsidiaries) had more than 5,500 female employees of which more than 800 were engineers.



"In fact, TNB was the first organisation to have a female engineer who was also the first local female engineer in the country," he said, referring to Maimunah Suleiman who began serving the National Electric Board in 1964.

However, Amir is confident that there is still more to be done to ensure that women have enough opportunity to reach senior management level at the utility company.

"I believe that women in TNB can be the catalyst for change, especially when facing the challenges that will be introduced in the Malaysian electricity supply industry."

Meanwhile, Aidah in her closing remarks, hoped that PELITAWANIS members could leverage off the knowledge gained from the two-day program.

"Through this program, we are given financial knowledge so that we can manage our savings and expenses, invest wisely and borrow responsibly, in accordance to our own financial goals and situation, among others, for retirement," she said.

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Captions:

TNB President / Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan (fifth from left) and wife who is also Yang Dipertua PELITAWANIS TNB, Datin Seri Aidah Abu (fifth from right) took a photo in front of Credit Counselling and Debt Management Agency (AKPK) exhibition booth at the opening ceremony of financial management workshop Surihati Bijak Generasi Terdidik #DemiEsok in Kuala Lumpur on January 28, 2020.

Also present (from left), TNB Chief Corporate Officer, Datuk Wira Roslan Ab Rahman; TNB Career Enhancement Management Head, Datuk Ir. Abdul Aziz Abdul Majid; AKPK Chief Executive Officer, Azaddin Ngah Tasir; Assistant Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia, Abu Hassan Alshari Yahya; General Manager of AKPK Operations, Nor Fazleen Zakaria; Deputy Yang Dipertua 2 TNB PELITAWANIS Datin Wira Ungku Ashiela Ungku Hamzah; Deputy Yang Dipertua 1 TNB PELITAWANIS Datin Siti Laila Sri Asih S. Garieb; and Head of AKPK's Department of Finance, Nor Akmar Yaakub.



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PELITAWANIS TNB members gather for a group photo after the closing ceremony of the financial management workshop Surihati Bijak Generasi Terdidik #DemiEsok in Kuala Lumpur on January 29, 2020.