

## Selangor the unhappiest state due to 'economic issues'

KUALA LUMPUR: Low income and economic issues are why Selangor is ranked lowest in the Malaysian Happiness Index (MHI) 2021.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Mohd Harun said this was based on a report by the **Statistics Department**, which recorded a happiness index of 5.74% in Selangor compared to the national index of 6.48%, reported Bernama.

"The highest index was recorded in Labuan at 9.29%, followed by Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Terengganu and Selangor, ranked the lowest – "lowest" according to the components means income and economy.

"That is why today, we bring the Kasih@Smile programme to the community of Putra Perdana in Puchong for exposure to entrepreneurs in the target group of the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

"This is in addition to other support, such as the Wanita Bangkit programme that offers job opportunities," she said at the opening ceremony of Kasih@Smile at Putra Perdana community hall in Puchong near here yesterday.

Rina said the effort to defend the integrity of the family institution and maintain its well-being is a joint responsibility of all parties such as government agencies, the private sector, NGOs and individuals.

At the event, Rina also donated 1,000 helmets to needy children.

The Kasih@Smile programme is held in conjunction with Keluarga Malaysia Month, which is celebrated in November.

Activities include talks featuring personalities and family experts, exhibitions and services under the ministry, esports programmes and indoor sports, and Maulid Akhbar spiritual programmes to be conducted by popular nasyid groups.

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