

# Women surpass men in Educational Attainment

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Women's achievement has surpassed men's in the Educational Attainment sub-index of the Malaysia Gender Gap Index (MGGI) with a score of 1.060.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) in a statement yesterday said the gross enrolment rates for women at the primary and secondary levels were higher than men at 98.4 per cent and 94.5 per cent compared to 98.1 per cent and 90.6 per cent, respectively.

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin in the statement issued in conjunction with the Yayasan Tuanku

Fauziah (YTF) webinar on 'Women In Search Of Excellence', said at the tertiary level, the gross enrolment rate for women was 46.9 per cent, which was still higher than the men's 33.3 per cent.

However, he said the labour force participation rate for women was still low which is at 55.5 per cent compared to the target of 59 per cent in 2025 based on the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP).

Meanwhile, in terms of economic participation in 2021, women recorded 76.6 per cent in the service sector and 15.1 per cent in the manufacturing sector. — Bernama