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FATIMAH (3rd right) 'popping' balloons to officiate the Masnita Fiesta while Datin Kartini Ahmad (left) and the others look on.

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**KUCHING:** Universiti Malaysia Sarawak Women's Association (Masnita) is invited to collaborate with the Ministry of Welfare, Women and Family Development and State Welfare Department (JKM) in their effort to help the disadvantaged and needy, said Minister of Welfare, Women and Family Development, Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah.

"There are many ways that we can collaborate, and we are happy to work together with you for the benefit of the women, the families, as well as the disadvan-

tage and the needy in the society.

"Under my ministry, for example, we can collaborate on the legal policies, women's economic empowerment and on strengthening the family institution.

"We have the workforce and expertise that we can offer to collaborate with Masnita in its activities whether in UNIMAS or villages," said Fatimah when officiating at Masnita Fiesta held at DeTAR Putra, UNIMAS, Kota Samarahan near here yesterday.

Fatimah added that they can bring their instructors to the villages, for example, in economic empowerment, to help the villag-

ers improve their living standard.

She also noted that empowerment would focus on food processing and baking, grooming and beauty treatment, massage and spa, as well as creative sewing.

"Under the legal policies, we can collaborate by letting the women know their rights. For us in Sarawak we are using the customary law, Islamic law and civil law," she said.

Also present were Unimas Deputy Chancellor Prof Dato' Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi, Masnita President, Datin Kartini Ahmad and other distinguished guests.