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RECOGNITION: Kazakhstan institute lauds Permata programme THE efforts of the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, in developing early childhood education through the Permata Negara programme, has again received international recognition. Yesterday, she was made an honorary professor at the International Information Technology University (IITU) here. The award was presented to Rosmah by IITU president Professor Dr Kenzhegali Sagadiyev. In his speech, Sagadiyev commended Rosmah for her continuous engagement in empowering women and supporting talented children. "She is actively promoting the Permata project, a nationwide movement that strives for the development of early childhood education and care. "Permata is a good example to improve the development of children and youth." Sagadiyev said it was because of Rosmah's contributions that the top professors at IITU had agreed that she deserved to be awarded the professorship. Initiated in August 2005, Permata is an early childhood education and care programme for underprivileged children. It was later expanded to serve the children's other needs. Rosmah, who is the patron of Permata, in her acceptance speech, thanked IITU for the honour conferred upon her and said it would serve as an encouragement for her to continue pursuing her work. "I also accept this honour on behalf of all the wonderful people who have been working tirelessly with me to implement the programme as an innovative and crucial component of the Malaysian education system. "I would like to thank my children and husband, who have been the source of inspiration and pillar of strength in motivating and enabling me to contribute to my country." Present at the ceremony were Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Rohani Abdul Karim and Malaysian Ambassador to Kazakhstan Datuk Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi. IITU is the first university established by Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev as a leader in information technology research and the training of highly skilled and internationally recognised IT experts and professionals. It has collaborated with several Malaysian universities, including Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Universiti Kuala Lumpur and Multimedia University. Bernama The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, receiving the honorary professorship from IITU president Professor Dr Kenzhegali Sagadiyev in Almaty, Kazakhstan, yesterday. Bernama pic