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In her role as the Wife of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datin Sri Rosmah is seeking to “invest” in the education of children to build a better future for Malaysia. She strongly believes that human capital development begins with children – she is Patron of the Children in Hope Foundation.

When Dato’Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Razak took over the helm as Prime Minister a year ago, Datin Sri Rosmah immediately and rigorously started a nationwide movement on the development of early childhood education and care called project PERMATA. Since then 400 such centres have been set up throughout the country. She is also currently pursuing the Gifted and Talented Programme “PERMATA Pintar” for children with special abilities in the academic field and in music.

She is also playing a leading role in the elevation of the status and empowerment of women in many organizations primarily in the Association of Wives of Cabinet Ministers (BAKTI). She is also very active in environmental concerns such as the Malaysian Nature Society and in the academia, being the first Chancellor of the Industry University of Selangor (UNISEL).

With a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Malaya and a Master’s in Sociology and Agriculture at Louisiana State University, Datin Sri Rosmah had a stint in the corporate world as a Business Development Manager.

In 1987, with her ever-increasing public role, she decided to concentrate on being a politician’s wife with full commitment to country, home and family.

Datin Sri Rosmah is now a First Lady dedicated to the development of her country.

Madame Lorna Golding

Having raised three children who are high achievers in their own right, it is natural that Mrs. Golding places high priorities in projects towards the advancement of basic education, health and nutrition, and welfare of Jamaican children. Coming from humble beginnings – her father was a farmer – she was imbued with strong values and ideals.

“That’s what I had in mind when I became the Prime Minister’s wife. My role had to expand from my children to the nation’s children. I have a sincere passion to make a

difference.” In 2008, Mrs. Golding launched the Jamaica Early Childhood Development Foundation which seeks to prepare children “to become responsible citizens who are environmentally aware and equipped to function in the global world”,

She was educated at Windsor High School, Kingston and the prestigious New York School of Business. Initially she was introduced to international politics at diplomatic missions in New York.

After getting married in 1972, she returned to Jamaica. She became a teacher at Old Harbour High School, lecturing on the Principles of Business. Subsequently, with her husband’s encouragement she went into the baking business – Honey Crust Bakery was personally moulded by Mrs. Golding into a highly successful enterprise.

Her experiences lead to Mrs. Golding promoting her self-styled “Family Engineering” concept through various programmes and organizations operating at the community and national level in Jamaica.

Today as the First Lady she takes a leading role in a number of humanitarian projects and is dedicated to the development of children worldwide and in particular, Jamaica.