

The Gifted and Creative

The time Malaysia hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Conference in 1989 was a truly memorable and historic event. Special functions and programmes were held to celebrate the presence of the Commonwealth Heads of State and their wives. With the Prime Minister himself, who was then Dato Seri' Dr Mahathir Mohamad, involved in every planning and discussion, everything was carried out successfully. At the same time, his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, was occupied in planning and executing programmes for the wives.

One of the entertainments planned for the wives of heads of state was a children's concert, and it was indeed an honour that the PERTIWI children were invited to participate. The audience was presented with a special, colourful, energetic and yet, dignified performance by the children. It made such a powerful impact that after the performance, the United Nations office in Malaysia invited the group to perform for United Nations Day.