

LIST OF WINNERS BY CATEGORY

Foot in Mouth

Unwanted buildings are like an "old woman". (22 February 2011)

Teng Hock Nam (Penang Gerakan Chief) likened the soon-to-be constructed Penang International Convention Centre to an "old woman" when developers hand it back to the state government at the end of its lease in 30 years – he later said that he was merely trying to use the analogy of how a woman would be disregarded after she had lived the best part of her life.

Insulting Intelligence

Extramarital affairs are caused by "wives who neglect their responsibilities to their husbands." (7 April 2011)

Member of Parliament Ibrahim Ali was reported to have attributed the high rate of extramarital affairs to "wives who neglect their responsibilities" to their husbands.

Cannot Ignore

Forcing two women to perform nude squats for 'illegally' entering the country. (June 2011)

Immigration officers were reported to have detained two women and made them perform nude squats because they had not followed immigration procedures upon entering the country. The Home Ministry, in a written reply to a question in Parliament, said the checks were done in a "good and orderly" fashion.

Least Helpful to the Sisterhood

Wives who don't satisfy their husbands are the cause of illicit sex. (28 November 2011)

The Obedient Wives Club (OWC) reportedly blamed wives whose husbands cheat for failing to 'satisfy' them. OWC has offered sex lessons to help wives "serve their husbands better than a first-class prostitute" to promote harmonious marriages.

Ad Nauseam

Repeated references to prostitutes in a negative way. (November 2011)

(1) Nga Kor Ming (DAP Perak State Assemblyperson) was reported to have called the Perak Deputy Speaker a "political prostitute". (2) Hee Yit Foong (Perak State Assembly Deputy Speaker) responded, "Does the opposition representative like prostitutes? Is [sic] so, I can bring." (3) Chew Lee Giok (Wanita MCA Secretary-General) was reported stating that "describing someone as a prostitute is very insulting indeed."

Policy Fail

State-run boot camp targeting teenage boys who display effeminate behaviour. (21 April 2011)

The Terengganu State Government was reported as having introduced a state-run boot camp to 'cure' teenage boys of effeminate behaviour.

Right on Track

Decision that CEDAW is binding on the Malaysian government and that using pregnancy as a reason not to employ a person is a form of gender discrimination. (12 July 2011)

In the case of *Noorfadilla binti Ahmad Saikin v Chayed bin Basirun and Others*, High Court Judge Zaleha Yusof held that "there is no impediment for the Court to refer to CEDAW in interpreting Article 8(2) of the Federal Constitution. Hence, applying Article 1 and 11 of CEDAW I hold that pregnancy in this case was a form of gender discrimination. The plaintiff should have been entitled to be employed as a GSTT even if she was pregnant."