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ABSTRAK

Kajian ilmiah ini membincangkan tentang peranan wanita terhadap kesejahteraan keluarga. Selain itu, menerangkan juga wanita adalah salah satu kelompok masyarakat yang memainkan peranan yang penting dalam menjalankan tanggungjawab sama ada untuk kebaikan diri sendiri serta yang lain. Kajian ini turut menyentuh tentang kepentingan wanita dalam pembinaan masa hadapan yangt baik kepada keluarga yang ditunjangkan kepada wanita bekerja atau sebaliknya. Pendekatan yang digunakan oleh penulis dalam kajian ini adalah menerusi pendekatan sumber-sumber dan maklumat dari perpustakaan, cara pengumpulan data melalui temubual bagi mendapatkan maklumat tambahan dan seterusnya melalui agihan borang kaji selidik. Kesimpulannya, kajian ini telah mencapai matlamat apa yang diingini penulis untuk membina generasi cemerlang berdasarkan peranan dan tanggungjawab yang dipegang oleh wanita.

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this academic research to discuss about the women's role in relation for family well being. Besides that, to explain that the women's role as an implement the responsibilities for itself and others smoothly. Furthermore, the research also to describe how women's build up in the future whether as workers or housewives. Writer using the library research and collecting data to find out the information including with conversation session and questionnaire. As a conclusion, writer was achieved the goals of this research to build up as well as excellent generation in the future.

ملخص البحث

هذا البحث موضوعه بيان دور وعلاقة المرأة بالعائلة. إن المرأة تلعب دوراً هاماً في توجيه العائلة توجيهاً سليماً. ويبين هذا البحث أهمية دور المرأة لضمان مستقبل أفضل للأسرة. كما يتطرق إلى مدى مساهمة المرأة في الأسرة سواء أكانت عاملة أو غير عاملة. وقد استخدم في هذا البحث منهجاً مكتيبياً ومعلومات أخرى جمعت وتحليل هذه المعلومات وانتهت الباحثة إلى أن للمرأة دوراً هاماً في مستقبل الأسرة وسلامتها.

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GLOSSARY

1: **نكاح** (Marriage) - To give in marriage (with acc. of person given as at 24 v. 32, also of person to whom given as at 2v.220)

2: **زوج** (Spouse) – Companion, mate, spouse, husband or wife an individual when consorting with another, that in which individuals are united, as a kind, species, class or sex, also a pair a couple.e:g:-

فأنبثنا فيها من كل زوج كريم

“And we have caused (vegetables) to spring up in of every generous species”.

3: **حلال** (Halal) (Lit)- “That which is united or closed”. That which is lawful as distinguished from haram or that which is unlawful.

4: **رحمة** (Rahmah) –“ Mercy, compassion”. The attribute of mercy is frequently dwelt upon in the Qur’an: e.g: - Surah VII (54) “ The mercy of God is high unto those who do well”.

Surah VI (133) “ They Lord is the rich one, full of compassion”

Ar-Rahman – The merciful is one of the chief attributes of the Almighty.

5: Salam- A contract involving an immediate payment of the price and admitting a delay in the delivery of the articles purchased. The word used in the hadis is generally salaf. In a sale of this kind, the seller is called musallam ilai-hi, the purchaser, rabbu’s salam and the goods purchased, musallam –fi hi (Kitabut “Tariqat”).

6: Sakinah- It is also use in the Qur’an for help and confidence or grace. Surahxiviii.26. “When those misbelieved put in their hearts pique. The pique of ignorance and god sent down His Sakinah upon his Apostle and upon the believers and obliged them to keep to the word of piety”. Al- Baizawi says the tranquility and repose of soul, which is the meaning given in all Arabic dictionaries.

7: Mawad’d’ah- Love, Affection, Friendship.

TRANSLITERATION TABLE
ARABIC WORDS TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM

1. ALPHABET

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
ء	'	فأر	fa'r
ب	b	برد	burd
ت	t	تلّ	tall
ث	th	ثوب	thawb
ج	j	جدار	jidār
ح	h	حليب	halīb
خ	kh	خادم	khādim
د	d	ديك	dīk
ذ	dh	ذهب	dhahab
ر	r	رفيق	rafīq
ز	z	زميل	zamīl
س	s	سلام	salām
ش	sh	شعب	sha ^c b
ص	s	صخر	sakhr
ض	d	ضيق	dayq
ط	t	طازخ	Tālib
ظ	z	ظالم	zālim
ع	c	عقل	^c aql
غ	gh	غلام	ghulām
ف	f	فيل	fīl
ق	q	قلب	qalb

ك	k	كلام	kalām
ل	l	لبّ	lubb
م	m	مال	māl
ن	n	نجم	najm
هـ	h	هول	hawl
و	w	ورق	waraq
ي	y	يم	yamm

2. Short Vowel

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
_____	a	كَتَبَ	kataba
_____	i	عَلِمَ	°alima
_____	u	غَلِبَ	ghuliba

3. Long Vowel

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
ا، ي	ā	عالم، فتى	°ālim, fatā
ي	ī	عليم، داعي	°alīm, dā°ī
و	ū	علوم، أدعو	°ulūm, Ad°ū

4. Diphthong

<u>Arabic</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
و	aw	نوم	nawm
ي	ay	ليل	layl
يّي	iiy	شافعي	shāfi°iiy (ending)
وّ	uww	علوّ	°uluww (ending)

5. Exemptions

5.1 Arabic letter ء (hamzah) found at the beginning of a word is transliterated to the letter “a” and not to’.

Example: أكبر transliterated to: akbar (not ‘akbar).

5.2 Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word without ال (al) which is coupled with another word that contains ال (al) at the beginning of it is transliterated to the letter “ t ”

Example: مكتبة الإمام transliterated to: maktabat al-imām.

However if the Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word with ال (al), in a single word or in the last word in a sentence, it is transliterated to the letter “ h ” .

Example: المكتبة الأهلية transliterated to: al-maktabah al-ahliyyah

قلعة qal‘ah

دار وهبة dār wahbah

ABBREVIATIONS

AS	°alayh al-salām
comp.	Copiler/compiled by
Def.	Definition
ed.	Editor/edition/edited by
H	hijriyyah
M	mīlādiyyah
n.a.	no author/no artist
narr.	narrated by
n.d	no date/no year
n.pl.	no place
n.pb	no publisher
p.	page
p.p	pages
perf.	performers
trans.	translator/translated by
RA	radiya Allāh °anhu / °anhā / °anhum
rev.	review/revision of
SAW	salla Allāh °alayh wa sallam
SWT	subhānahu wa ta°ālā
vers.	version
writ.	written by

LIST OF SYMBOLS

Hadith Number

CHAPTER 1

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

الحمد لله نحمده، ونستعينه ونستغفره ونعوذ بالله من شرور أنفسنا ومن سيئات أعمالنا يهده الله فلا مضل له، ومن يضل فلا هادي له، وأشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، وأن محمدا عبده ورسوله، من يهد الله فلا مضل له.

Islam is the religion that makes a wide movement and changes in women's right and status. During the time of Muhammad (SAW), in the aspect of developing Islamic society, he had focused on upgrading the women's status and their rights based on their natural tendency. Till there is specific surah revealed by Allah in Al-Quran that is Surah An-Nisa'.

Islam had raised the status of women from the lower position to the higher position in social hierarchy. In creating a new ummah, Rasulullah (SAW) at the beginning focus on woman's community or group, because women are the people who become the most important sources in developing a family and nation.

In the new era of globalization nowadays, women are totally different compared to 20 or 30 years back. Since the country had become independent and change into modern country, the profile and the function of women in family and society also change according to the changes of time. So, because of the important of women's role in creating a happy family that attract my attention to make research about it. As we know, women are not only a child, teenagers but their function are also include as a wife, mother or grandmother in their cycle of life. The most important function played by a woman is to be as a wife and a mother in the family. So, the task are include caring about her husband, children and family and to make sure the family members got the perfect care in physical, mental, social and emotional aspect.

Family is a small institution in society. Talking about family means talking about a part of society or community. Basically, family is consisting of father, mother and children in one's family whether big or small in size. So, because of that, it cannot be denied the reality that the existing of women is a need for creating a family and to become a part of community in society that play an important role in developing a happy family and creating a healthy generation.

Besides that, to achieve the real happiness of a family, women's natural tendency will always be challenge whereas; all the challenge can be prevented in order to provide the best thing to their family. Take care of children from the first-born till they become an adult is not an easy task performing by a women called a mother. Women will do anything for the sake of their children and the happiness of the family.

The task of a woman is not only to educate their children, take care of husbands and family needs but also women nowadays need to work in order to help their husband in financial aspect and to live in more comfortable condition. Thus, most women nowadays is not just sitting at home and waiting for their husband get back from office but, their contribution, expertise and skills are needed in certain work sector till professional sector. What we can see today is that, women are becoming more efficient in their workplace.

In conclusion, women's role and their contribution play an important aspect for the family. So, this research is conducted to help, to explain, and to give, to add and maybe for me it can be practice some day in future.

1.1: THE PROBLEM STATEMENT

Problems that faced when doing the research are include:

1. Less commitment from the respondents in aspect of communication and interaction.
2. Difficult to get quality sources that are related to the scope of research.
3. Very limited time.
4. Based on the research, the researcher cannot see whether a housewife or a career women, which one can contribute to the development of happy family.

1.2: BACKGROUND OF RESEARCH

1. Research was done to know the roles of woman towards the happiness of a family.
2. To investigate the women's contribution toward the development of family.
3. To study how Islamic teaching and guidance in developing a happiness family based on the roles played by a women.
4. To study the roles of a housewife and a career women. Who are able to give happiness to family? This are include 50 respondents (25 housewife and 25 career women).
5. To study the structure of family based on the encourage factor and suggestion in the relationship of happy family.
6. To study the position of women between career and family and study the positive and negative aspects to towards development of a happy family.

1.3: SCOPE OF RESEARCH

In this research, the focuses are on the respondents that are consist of 50 persons, 25 for housewife and another 25 for career women. The aim is to find out and to recognize which one either housewife or career woman, can make contribution to the peaceful and happy family.

1.4: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The writer using two methods in doing this research which are consisting of library research and the other one is spacious research.

In order to have smooth process of finding the sources and information, the first method (library research) was applied by using many books, articles, Internet, magazines and etc.

The first method includes several libraries such as “Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia (National Library)”, “Perpustakaan Awam Negeri Kelantan”, “Library Awam Pusat Islam”, “Library Islamic University College of Malaysia (KUIM)”, Library Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Internatinal Islamic University of Malaysia (UIAM) and other several libraries at other higher learning institutes.

In the second method, the writer using the spacious research or primary data, because using this method, the writer can easily get the information needed using questionnaires. This method is applied for a group of career people such as teacher, office workers and also housewife.

1.5: OBJECTIVE OF RESEARCH

1. The writer can identified the relationship between women's role and a happy family.
2. The writer can identify what's the role-played by a woman in developing a happy family.
3. The writer can recognize and differentiate the responses given by committed and not committed respondents.
4. The writer wants to achieve an ultimate utility in searching the necessary resources and then use it for research.
5. The writer wants to prove, which one can really contribute to a happy family, a housewife or a career women?
6. The writer also wants to show the needs of a quality life in a family.
7. To give an exposure about the women's role in family institution. Thus, can maintain a good social, economic and political factor as what required by Islam.
8. To develop new techniques and ways for women to create happiness in family's institution.
9. To give knowledge and skills using family sources to increase women's income.
10. To find out and to use the available facilities in creating a happy family.

1.6: SIGNIFICANCE OF RESEARCH

From the topic that has been given, it is to investigate how far a woman plays their roles and give their contribution towards the happiness of a family. Because, a peaceful family and a happy family can only be created if women plays their role, and at the same time they will increase the quality in peaceful family life. In this research, the focus is about contribution, structure and etc., of women for the future happiness and gives a new space in developing of family.

1.7: LITERATURE REVIEW

Based on my research that I have done before, I found that there are many research done by local and western researcher about the issues of the roles and women relationship on the concept of well being and happiness of the family. So, based on that, I will explain most of it review.

Based on "*Buku Terbitan Kementerian Hal Ehwal Ugama Negeri Brunei Darussalam*",1994 family is only a small unit in once society. Saying about family matters means saying about the problems existed in the society. Family basically consist of father, mother and childrens. Big or small size of the family depends on how many people inside.

Family is the basic constitution of society. If there is problem in family means also problem in society, if there is happiness in family, means the society also in peace. It shows that family is a basic form in developing a peaceful society.

What is the means of peace or happiness? Are those who posses money, status, high position and power, own a big car and having a beautiful wife are those who posses happiness in their life? The answer cannot be determined. May be because of those elements too, it may cause somebody to go far away from the truth happiness. Happiness means life without fear, worry and prevented from any disaster. Saying about developing a happy family means saying about the teaching of Islam to the ummah to create a family that is required by Islam.

The research also has done by *Dr Mahmud Saedon Awang Osman (Lecture of Faculty Of Islamic Knowledge, Department of al-Quran and As-Sunnah) University Kebangsaan Malaysia* with the topic “*Ke Arah Membentuk Keluarga Bahagia*” done to show about the relationship between the development of a happy family and the teaching of Islamic religion. To learn and to have the deep understanding about Islam may take a lot of time and space. By the way, the researchers only give priority to the important aspects such as the basic purpose and marriage responsibility and etc.

In conjunction with that, an idea from *Dr Mat Saad Baki, Oct.1985*, based on passage from “*Lembaga Penduduk*” and “*Pembangunan Keluarga Negara*”, the process in developing a happy family involve several structure, the encouragement factor of closed relationship, suggestion on happy family’s relationship, aware of negative relationship and know the way to solve it and also know which technique are suitable to use, to solve the problem in the family.

This idea was supported by *Ustazah Siti Nor Bahyah Mahamood, June 2002* in her saying, in which she had explained that to build a happy family, need a special ingredient in order to maintain that happiness. Among the most important thing that must be given priority is hospitality, enjoyment, happiness and those can be feel when the attitude of helping each other applied and become most important condition in the family. The responsibilities are on the shoulder of husband and wife. Besides that, the feeling of love will prevent from the feeling of egoism and pride and also respect of each other must become priority.

Based on the explanation above, I strongly agree that women’s role become the most important factor in order to maintain the happiness and the well being of a happy family.

A group of researchers from University Putra Malaysia, that consist of *Rozumah Baharuddin, Siti Nor Yaakob, Abdullah al-Hadi Hj. Muhamed, Maznah Baba and Aidah Md.Tan, 1999* had come up with their thesis which is about “*The Happiness of Islamic Family in Malaysia*’. Among the elements that given priority are the happiness factor, broken family, different function among the member of family and its consequences.

Knowing about the function of a family, it can be helpful to maintain the happiness of the family as a social institution, where interaction between husband and wife, father and mother, towards their child based on family’s type are important.

From the research that has done, many researchers agree that position within career and family must be walk together in women’s life in order to achieve successfulness in the world today.

In “*Program Diskusi Wanita Islam Dwi Kerjaya*”*June 2002* that was held in Dewan Besar Pusat Dakwah Islamiah Paroi, Negeri Sembilan, organized by Department of Administration of Syariah Law, in which joined by an expertise such as *Mr Rahmat Ismail (Counselor from Rahmah Resources And Training Consultancy Sdn. Bhd.)*, *June 2002* in the program says that “...the ways for women to overcome and to handle stress that exist when there is problem in the family are consist of planning or focus on what she is going to do, like to her career, love herself and make clear view on what task should she perform to her husband...”Besides that, he also explained about the technique on how to get success for women such as: getting oblations before sleep, pray for God for His blessing for always be success in their life, have intention to success, focus on what she’s going to do and then practice it.

This is supported by *Dato' Mashitah Ibrahim, advisor of Majlis Agama Islam Pahang, June 2002* says that women nowadays is not only had to perform dwicareer but multicareer....” A woman is a wife, a mother, a housewife and everything. So, that’s why it’s not become possible if a women can do perform many jobs in once time: Thus, to make balance within two different tasks, the most important thing is to get her husband’s understanding and support. Without it, women cannot stand-alone.

Whereas, *Datin Sharifah Anisah Syed Agil Barakhbah, June 2002* says that between women and beauty, it cannot be separated...”. Women must always be beautiful because Allah gifts us. That’s why it’s become our responsibility to take care of it as the sign that we obey Him and one day come back to Him with beauty.

Besides that, *Shamsudin Bin Suhor* through his writing, “*Women: Right and Responsibility*” noted that women in society do have their own right and responsibility that has been determined for them such as right for live, right for owned property, right for defend their honors, right for freedom, right for not being disturb and right for justice.

In the scope of responsibility, it is an obligation that refers to something that should be done. What become question for the writer is about what a child suppose to do to their parents? What is the responsibility of a wife, a mother, a mother in-law and what’s their contribution to their own country?

In one seminar, *Dato' Haji Nooh Gadot, Oct.2003*, says that, there are three important condition that must be follow to be a successful women follow the discipline of life, take care of the quality of life and the most important is the feeling of love. All the conditions should be given priority and must apply it according to the teaching of Islam. So that, women’s life will be success and get blessing from Allah. Besides that, women should be aware of their attitude, either inside or outside the house, such as ask permission from her husband before leaving the house, not exaggerate, always perform ‘ibadah, and smart in planning the time efficiently etc.

This is supported by *Dato' Dr. Siti Zaharah Sulaiman*, as “*Menteri Perpaduan Negara & Pembangunan Masyarakat*”, Aug.2001, through her saying,.. “Women’s role are important and women herself must know what’s their role and what kind of contribution that they can give towards the development of the country.”... But, the most important thing that women should know that between career and family, both should be in line and they have always put their family first.

Based on the book of *The Muslim Family (Islamic Concept)* was one of the means of imperialistic intrigue and wantonness and a target of the poisonous pens which appeared simultaneously by the espionage offices and the dens of sabotage in our Islamic countries, in order to ruin our pious family and virtuous society.

Based on paperwork from “*Muzakarah Majlis Ulama Indonesia*” about “*Partisipasi Wanita Dalam Pembinaan Kerjasama Ulama-Ulama Bandar Aceh*” on 24-28 January 1993, presented by *Prof. Dr. Nik Safiah Karim and Prof. Madya Dr. Azizan Baharuddin* in the topic of “*Women As a Source Of Humanity In Family and Career*”, among the issues discussed are about women as a source of humanity, had given big contribution from one generation to another generation. Nowadays, because of the changes of the new era, women’s role becomes wider. Women are not only a worker, but they are also a housewife and a mother to their children’s.

Based on the book “*Family & Health*” by *Hanafiah bin Mohd Salleh*”, it highlighted about women’s roles and their function in family as an individual, as a family member and member of society, in which it become as an important asset towards the development of happy family and at the same time, it will create goodness to family in day today relationship.

Besides that, according to *Datin Sohair Abdel Moneim Sery* through his book “*Roles and Contribution of Professional Women and It’s Challenges Towards Vision 2020 according to Islamic Perspective*”, says that after the emergence of Islam, Islam look at women in high position. That’s why, in the new era of globalization, women’s professionalism become an important asset in achieving vision 2020. But, cannot be denied that, women herself must be strong in facing many challenges in achieving their aim.

Whereas, in *Utusan Malaysia*, dated 28 February 2003, under the topic “*Role’s of Employer Towards the Development of a Happy Family*” stated that according to *Siti Fatimah Abdul Rahman (Fellow of Institute Kefahaman Islam Malauysia)*, she says... ‘The meaning of the roles here is not the role’s as an individual, as a family member, an employee or community member, but to create a happy family, a women should make contribution through quality and good work.

Through <http://geocities.com/setyo79/setyo>, in the explanation of women’s role in a happy family, women herself should recognize who she is and investigate what inside and outside factors that needed in creating happy family.

Besides that, in *Siri Buletin* – the research done by *Muhd. Ismail Ahmad* and *Zawiah Ahmad, 2000* published by PCT Sdn. Bhd., describe about several articles regarding women’s issues such as career women’s role, the way to create a happy family, career mother and give to positive and negative aspects as working women towards the family.

Therefore, to make sure we are among the successful Islamic women, *Head of Dr. Sharifah Department of Siasah Sya’iyyah, Academy of Islamic Knowledge of University of Malaya, Hayati Syed Ismail* in her presentation on “*Wanita Berjaya: Kedudukan Mereka di Sisi Suami dan Kepentingan Kufu’ Dalam Perkahwinan*”, presented in one seminar – “*Understanding of the roles of Successful Women in Islamic Perspective*”, **organized by** “ *Institute Kefahaman Islam Malaysia (IKIM)*, come up with 3 characteristics of a successful women:

- (1) Successfully fulfill the needs of the Islamic teaching such as prayer, zakat, and fasting and performing hajj with sincere, only for Allah.
- (2) Successfully completed their responsibility towards their family, take care of their husband born an excellence child.
- (3) Ready to make contribution towards the happiness of society and prevent from any badness without ignoring their family.

The above characteristics are needed to achieve a happy family according to Islamic way of life. Therefore, it should be implemented to be success in the world and Hereafter.

One initiative taken by an *Institute Kefahaman Islam Malaysia (IKIM)*, in order to create a happy family, one seminar about “ *Pembinaan Keluarga Melalui Masa Berkualiti: Peranan Sirah Rasulullah Dalam Konteks Semasa*” was held on 18 & 19 May 1999 at *IKIM*. The seminar was done to discuss about several problems which is related to the concept of quality time:

- (1) Definition of the concept of quality time in the family context and practice.
- (2) How this concept applied in the life of Rasulullah (SAW) especially in his relationship with his wives.
- (3) The practice of quality time in Malaysia.
- (4) Chances and challenges in translating the concept in our daily life.
- (5) How to planning quality time and its fulfillment.

In current contact, it is explained that women's role as a basic thing in once family. Women are able to create and color the family's environment. Failure to apply the roles means fail to create good citizen and it can create weak citizen in which they are actually among the new generation to develop the country. Women are also not supposed to neglect their family just want to be a successful career woman. Actually, both roles can be applied if using the time effectively, because time is important and knows to use it will guarantee the good outcome and will guarantee the happiness to the women herself. This is stated by *Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid* at closing ceremony of "*Bengkel Isteri Pegawai –Pegawai Tertinggi Kerajaan Malaysia*", at Dewan Pre Intan Bukit Kiara on 25 May 1996.

CHAPTER 2

CHAPTER 2: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WOMEN'S ROLE IN FAMILY WELL BEING

2.1: INTRODUCTION

In this topic, the writer will explain about the relationship of women's role towards the happiness of family, its definition, its roles and what's the relationship between both of it.

Definition for the roles is suitable attitude for person's position in one's group or society. (An Encyclopedia Malaysiana, 1996) roles also mean an attitude, which is related to a certain social status. For instance, when we saying about a teacher, there must be emerge in our imagination, how a teacher is look alike. The concept of the roles are actually *relational* in which it is related from one roles to the other roles such as the roles of teacher and the roles of a pupil.

Linton (1936) in his classic definition stated that a role is the dynamic aspect of one's status, whereby, status means the combination between right and responsibility. In the field of anthropology, the concept of role is right and responsibility or normative hope, which is related to any social system. For instance, student is a status where the role of student is to study, write an essay and attending the tutorial.

Every position in any social system has its own roles. Society also has their own judgments towards every role. For instance, the roles of an ideal father are that, he must be hardworking, loving, patient, pious and etc. For a leader, he/she must be brave, clean, talented, trusted and efficient. The status of somebody will drop down if they fail to play their role as determined for them by society.

Whereas, (The Oxford Word power by Miranda Stell) relationship that means:

- (1) A relationship (with sb/sth) between A and B. Here, the way that people, groups, countries etc feel about or behave towards each other, the relationship between the parents and the school has improved greatly.
- (2) A relationship (with sb) between A and B. A friendly or loving connection between people, to have relationship with sb. He'd never been in a serious relationship before he got married. The film describes the relationship between a young man and an older woman. Do you have close relationship with your brother?
- (3) A relationship (to sth) between A and B. The way in which two or more things are connected: Is there a relationship between on TV and the crime increase in crime?
- (4) A relationship (to sb) between A and B. A family connection: "What is your relationship to Bruce?" "He's married to my cousin.

Besides that, the way in which two people or two groups behave towards each other between an improved relationship between the police and local people. A relationship with someone / something is usually close and may involve her husband: - Jane's stormy of relation does she have with her mother?

2.2: WOMEN'S ROLE AS:

2.2.1: *MOTHER*

Islam accords the highest place, after Allah and His Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to mother. The Qur'an says:

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْتًا عَلَىٰ وَهْنٍ وَفَصَّلَهُ فِي
عَامَيْنِ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٤﴾

“And we have enjoined on man to be good to his parents: in travail upon travail did his mother bear him. And in years twain was his meaning. Show gratitude to Me and to thy parents. To me is thy final goal”.

Surah Al-Luqman(32 :14)

The Prophets Muhammad (SAW) says: I enjoin man about his mother, I enjoin man about his mother. I enjoin man about his mother, I enjoin man about his father, (Umri, 1990,21)(Zaleha & Zeenath, 2002)

Therefore, (Dr. Zakiah Daradjat, 1978) women play an important role in family because children are educated since they are in their mother's stomach. That's why women is the first teacher, the first person who develop their child's personality because mother is always be close to their child compared to their father.

2.2.2: WIFE

After marriage, woman in Islam becomes the owner of some new rights along with some new responsibilities. The relationship of husband and wife described as one of love, affection and intimacy.

Men in Islam are made the protectors and maintainers of women because of superior physical strength and because of their economic responsibilities towards the family.

The Qur'an says:

الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا
 أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ فَالصَّالِحَاتُ قَانِتَاتٌ حَافِظَاتٌ لِّلْغَيْبِ بِمَا حَفِظَ
 اللَّهُ وَاللَّتِي تَخَافُونَ نُشُوزَهُنَّ فَعِظُوهُنَّ وَأَهْجُرُوهُنَّ فِي الْمَضَاجِعِ
 وَأَضْرِبُوهُنَّ فَإِنْ أَطَعْنَكُمْ فَلَا تَبْغُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ سَبِيلًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا
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“Men are the protectors and maintainers of women because God has given the one more strength than the other and because they support them from their means; therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient and guard in their husbands absence what God would have them guard .As to those women on whose part you fear Disloyalty and ill-conduct, Caution (and warm) them (against the specific faults, first), Refuse to share their beds (next), Beat them (lightly, at the very last), but is they return to obedience, seek not against them means(of angering them): for Allah is Most-High, Great(above all of you) ”.

Further, (Zaleha & Zeenath, 2000) it is emphasized in many traditions that her husband should give the wife a kind and affectionate treatment. The Prophets (SAW) says: The believers with the perfect faith are those who have the best disposition and the best of you are those who are best at their wives. (Umri 1990,29-30)

2.2.3: DAUGHTER

According to Qur'an, (Zaleha & Zeenath, 2002) Islam is completely against discrimination between sons and daughters; rather it bestows great favors to those who take care of girls, whether daughters or sisters. A few important can be cited here.

The Prophets (SAW) says:

Do not hate girls. They are comforters and very precious. (Musnad, V4, 151).

In another place says: "If anyone for two girls, till they grow up. He and I will come on the day of resurrection thus! And he joined his fingers. (Umri 1990,35).

2.2.4: WORKER

According to Brunetta, career women's roles are consisting of situation, and the attitude in workplace. However, women still play an important role in the family even though they are a worker at the same time.

(HRAY: Sitoresmi Syukri Fadhol, 1993) women still can perform their task by become a good wife, a good mother and other family member can give their hand in handling the family and solving any problems exist. Behind that, today women also play an important role in contributing their expertise and skills towards the development of family and country through their career prospect.

However, according to view (Habsah Dinin, 31Aug.2003) in the process of development, it does not means that women should ignore their natural tendency such as gentle, and those who become a patron for husband and the children. Women task should not be outside from what has been determined by Islamic teaching, even though any parties cannot deny their ability and expertise.

Beside that, (Khadijah Mohd.Salleh) a women can perform her role, participate and contribute either as an individual, the 'abd of Allah (SWT), as member of the family, a wife, a mother and finally as a member of community and the society like being a social worker and career women.

2.3: WOMEN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Family development can be defined, (Prof.Dr.Nik Safiah & Prof.Madya Dr.Azizan, June1993), as “a process to create and to develop a perfect, healthy, and peaceful family and its members will become a good and responsible social members”.

A family that created by suitable and good effort must have clear vision and purpose of life, willing to get a good job and good income, can differentiate between the time for work and for rest, ambitious and love their country and nation. To have a successful family means to have a good and responsible husband and wife. But, because of the task in educating the children, to take care of the cleanliness of house environment, and etc. are among women's task, so that the process of developing a family are on women's shoulder. That's why, it is true that in the process of developing a family mostly depends on what's role played by a women in the family. (Prof. Dr. Nik Safiah & Prof. Madya Dr.Azizan, June 1993).

2.3.1: WOMEN'S CHARACTERISTICS

In one's society, (Prof. Dr. Nik Safiah & Prof. Madya Dr. Azizan, June 1993) women become sources of humanity in which they are needed to contribute their physical and mental ability, and at the same time become as an agent that can influence the quality of humanity either in workplace or in family. To play that important role, women must be good in personality and have higher level of creativity. Both factors must be given priority because women's personality is a basic thing in developing happiness of family and society. Having an excellence personality means having an excellence family and society.

Excellence creativity and personality are created because of deep understanding of Islamic value, knowledge and skills. Below are among the personal characteristic of excellence women:

- (1) Women should play an effective role as a wife and mother to their children. So, it required basic knowledge about the role that she should play to make sure she will implement their task with good and effective.
- (2) Women should have a critical way of thinking, be rational and have wide view of life in which they can decide an important decision towards any matters in the family and outside world.
- (3) Besides that, women also should know how to get and use the chances that she got it improve herself with skills and knowledge so that she can be a success women either in family or society. Successful women are those who always seek for the chances and always work hard for it because chance is not easy to get.

2.3.2: THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

According to (David Field, 1992) structure and function are needed in family's life to create a peaceful and happy family. The structure of family consists of dynamic, not static and always changes.

The function of a family is responsible to take care of their members. (Suprihatin, G, dkk, 1992). The needs of family consist of:

- a) Fulfill the needs of husband and children for their physical and social development.
- b) The needs of educational factor, formal, informal and nonformal education – for intellect, social, mental, emotional and spiritual factor.

When the needs of family can be fulfill, the members of every family can be able to improve themselves in every aspect of life such as in intellectual, cultural social aspect (Muhammad Abdul Rauf,1997). The needs of human being are consist of:

- (1) The needs of love
- (2) The needs of peaceful life
- (3) The needs of food and water
- (4) The needs of self-encouragement
- (5) The needs to develop self-potential and self-actualization.

According to “ Peraturan Pemerintah RI.no 21” year 1994, regarding the development of family, there are 8 functions of developing a good and strong family:

(1)The Function of Religion

In one family, its members should be given encouragement to have a deep understanding in religion matters in order to show the loyalty towards Allah (SWT).

(2) The Function of Social Cultural

For this function, parents should play roles in practicing and educate their children to practice the traditional, cultural and moral system to their child, in developing our own social and cultural practice.

(3) The Function of Loving

Love is needed in our life. Love can make the relationship between husband and wife, child with child, teenagers and adult become close that can create loving generation from one to another. Love can also create good and nice behaviors towards each other in family and society.

(4) The Function of Protection

This function applied to give protection to all family members from any danger situation, any disaster and to create a peaceful life.

(5) The Function of Reproduction

The needs to expand the descent of one's family through the process of reproduction.

(6) The Function of Socialization and Education

The function for a family to educate their descent to adapt to their future life environment.

(7) The Function of Economical

Played by those who control the financial factor in the family.

(8) The Circumscription Construct Function

The chances for the members of family to adapt, to be consistent and to balance their life based on dynamic changes in their life.

2.3.3: WOMEN'S ROLE IN ACHIEVING A HAPPY FAMILY

Family is a basic institution in which women play many roles inside. Women is not only a wife and mother to their children, a partner to their husband but more than that. Women had to play many roles in developing a happy family, where many task should be perform such as take care of the family, maintain a good relationship with neighbors, other family members and etc. Those entire tasks are applied sincerely together with the support from the husband.

Rasulullah (SAW) said:

[خيركم خيركم لأهله وأنا خيركم لأهلي]¹

Meaning: "The best people among you are those who are nice to their family and I am the best".

Below are several suggestions in developing a happy family by (Datin Sohair Abdel Moniem Sery, 1994)

- (1) Need to emphasize on the important of knowledge because through knowledge, we can differentiate between good and bad and which one follow the Islamic principle and which are not.
- (2) Parents should have deep understanding about their roles, know their basic family, rights, educational method, mother's health, influence of mass media and communication functions in family.
- (3) Give priority to religious education where make its characteristics and its value as the basic thing in develop a family and do the right thing and prevent from any bad thing.

¹Hadith.Al-Tirmizi.Kitab Al-Munaqib: Bab 63:Juz'5: #3904)

(4) Giving priority in the management matters, financial and family economic factor to have more comfortable life.

(5) To give full attention to their children in order to prevent them from bad thing, and to not allow them to get satisfaction and enjoyment outside the house.

To bear in mind, (women's role as a wife is important. A good wife will create their life environment and their house as the most peaceful place for their husband. If not, a wife will become a burden to the husband that will give a problem where the husband cannot think rationally and give effect to his career.

(Dr.Zakiah Daradjat, 1978) Thus, to happy or to be suffering, women will decide on it.

2.3.4: ISLAMIC VIEW OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN AND ITS CHALLENGES.

There are three views about “ Professional Women” in accordance to the needs of Islamic religion. Firstly, women are not allowed to work. Secondly, allow working in an open place and thirdly, allowing working with conditions. Islam not prevents women to work as a doctor, teacher, counselor, writer, teller or any other work that suitable for women and her natural tendency.

Women are given freedom to work, because to work it is not necessary to go out from the house but they are still working when they are in the house. Whether inside or outside the house or any other place they work, they still get their reward as what Omar Ibni al-Khattab (r.a) had done during his time. He gave reward for those women who want to migrate together with him. (Muhammad As-Siddiq, 1981).

Islam not sees a woman as a second-class group in the society and women also have higher position and their roles are significant (Al-Abrasyi, 1970).

(Khadijah Mohd. Salleh, 1985). A professional the woman has to “acquire specialized knowledge in skills and methods, historical or scholarly principles underlying such skills and methods, maintaining by force of organization or concerted opinions, high standard of achievement and conduct and be committed to a continued study and a kind of work which has for its prime purpose rendering of public service”.

2.4: WOMEN’S POSITION BETWEEN CAREER AND FAMILY

(Jabatan Hal Ehwal Neg.Sembilan&Majalah Anis, 2002) women involvement in career is not something weird nowadays. When they work, its means that they play one other role as a worker besides as a wife and a mother. So, to perform all the roles, sometimes, they had to face many challenges, conflict and problem. In many situations, women are in dilemma between the needs of financial support for family and their mother instinct.

The failure to implement their task as a mother and a wife will influence their children’s life, where they actually need full attention, love and etc. from their mother. Not only that, it also will influence their performance in workplace.

Those women who working should make balance between the role as a worker and the role as a wife or mother to maintain the happiness (Datuk Dr.Siti Zaharah, 2001). Nowadays, we can see that most of the career women can maintain and play their roles successfully. However, between both, women should make their role towards the family become priority.

In this new era of globalization, (Datuk Dr. Siti Zaharah, 2001) women are more advances and most of them are well known in their domain and sector. Even though they are busy with their job, but they still can focus their attention towards the family.