Baju kurung at a click

Associate Prof Dr Haziyah Husain uses tech to give new life to a traditional attire, writes Izwan Ismail

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traditional attire. Associate Prof Dr Haziyah Husain says to make baju kurung a popular choice for many, especially the younger generation.

"There are types of traditional baju kurung, fully some have gone out of fashion because not many wear them today. There are also many people who do not know how to make them," she says.

As researcher and expert in traditional Malay attire at Institute of Halal World and Civilization (Makna) in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Haziyah feels she has to do something and one way, she says, is to cut the learning curve, making it easier to design the baju kurung. "It is possible with the use of CAD designed and printing software," she says.

Traditional clothing designer Haziyah Alim, the president of the Halal Attire association, says the "It has been a challenge to design and develop the software."

Haziyah stresses making and cutting the traditional outfits is faster and easier. "With individual body measurements, you can provide a convenient input provided, the process which used to take a few hours, can be done in five seconds using the software," she says.

Haziyah is using the RAPID 2000 from the Ministry of Science. Technology and Innovation (MSTI) in developing the software, she adds. "Halal Attire makes it easier and cutting the traditional outfits is faster and easier."

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BENEFITING THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY

Since it is designed for use by non-technical people, the software is fully automatic. Users can select styles from the menu or on the screen and enter the body measurements, and the program will automatically convert the measurement into a pattern, she adds.

Haziyah says the Halal Attire is different from other programs available in the market since it is fully automatic, user-friendly and able to print the patterns quickly and accurately. "It will benefit the clothing industry by reducing manufacturing lead time and cycle time," she explains.

Another of her creations, a "virtual" baju kurung, is also available through the software. "Users can print the patterns on the screen, and the program will automatically convert the measurement into a pattern, she adds.

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The project is a unique one, she says, and it is said to be able to generate traditional Malay clothes in seconds, depending on the speed of the computer plotter and the software. "In addition, the software can be used to create the patterns for the traditional baju kurung," she adds.

Haziyah has been involved in the project for a long time, she says, and for many years, she has been working on it. "I have been interested in traditional attire for many years, and I have a design and design clothes," she adds.