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Jalan Singgora, Jalan P.
and Jalan Air Terjun.
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no evacuations.
A Jalan Perak Fire and Rescue
Station spokesman told *Bernama*
several roads around George Town
were submerged in knee-deep
water.

Ramlee, the other affected roads
were the Jalan Gemas entry ramp
to the intersection behind Sekolah
Menengah Kebangsaan Abdullah
Munshi and the Jalan Free School
roundabout.

water pumping operations at
Bukit Dumbar to accommodate
the Free Trade Zone in Bayan
Lepas and the Penang
International Airport. - by **Imran
Hilmy**

SuperMum Bakery a hit with single mums

PETALING JAYA: After being widowed for four years, Shirley Then decided it was time to take up a new skill to ease her woes.

"I missed my husband and kept saying that I was very lonely. I did not know what to do. He had passed away due to kidney failure.

"However, my friend, who is also my classmate at the SuperMum Bakery, insisted I should try my hand at baking to keep me occupied," said the 66-year-old mother of two when met at the SuperMum outlet in Taman Megah recently.

Then was glad that the programme not only helped her therapeutically, but also gave her an opportunity to share pictures of cookies with her daughter in Australia.

"We would compare pictures with each other because she is also a good cook," she said.

Apart from baking, her daily routine starts at 7am with her packing freshly-baked buns and bread and is followed by sweeping the small shop clean before finishing up work at 4pm.

Working six days a week, she grinned when asked to recall challenges at the bakery. "As you can see, there is a large variety of products sold here," she said, while proudly showing the delicious-looking rolls of buns and cakes.

"I had to memorise the different names

of 60 bun varieties and their prices!"

She points at a corner of the bakery where other snacks are sold at an affordable price of RM1.50 each for school children who frequent the premises.

Also present was Rotary Club Petaling Jaya (RCPJ) president Siti Haslindah Sheikh Ismail, who hopes single mothers would use this platform to become independent and establish their own baking businesses.

"Single mothers can also work here part-time while learning the baking business," she said, adding that RCPJ will publicise the programme through its Facebook and website.

The programme was conceived in early 2005 when Harjit Singh, then RCPJ president and his schoolmate, R. Nadeswaran of *theSun*, discussed the newspaper's role in the rehabilitation of tsunami victims in Aceh.



Then arranging some bread rolls and buns at the bakery.

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