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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 22⁴ (BERNAMA) -- NATIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN TAN SRI DR RASHDAN BABA TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHANAD AS AN INTELLECTUAL, AND SAID THE PRIME MINISTER HAD A GREAT INTEREST IN BOOKS AND READING.

HE SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HIMSELF HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE PEOPLE CONSIDER BOOKS AS THEIR COMPANIONS AND HAD STRESSED THAT THEY SHOULD ACQUIRE PROFICIENCY IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES TO GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE.

+AS A LEADER WHO SUBSCRIBES TO THE CONCEPT OF LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE, HE READS OFTEN AND HAS A LIBRARY IN HIS HOME. HE ALWAYS REFERS TO BOOKS HE HAS READ AND SUGGESTS THE TITLES SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SHOULD READ,+ TAN SRI DR RASHDAN SAID WHEN LAUNCHING +BIBLIOGRAFI DR MAHATHIR+ AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY HERE.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHY, WHICH COMPRISES SELECTED SPEECHES OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND ARTICLES ON HIM, IS PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL LIBRARY IN BAHASA MALAYSIA AND ENGLISH. IT SELLS FOR \$10 A COPY, AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY IN JALAN RAJA LAUT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA BOOKSHOP.

TAN SRI RASHDAN SAID THAT THOUGH THE PRIME MINISTER WAS A MEDICAL DOCTOR HE WAS ABLE TO DISCUSS ANY SUBJECT WITH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICERS, INCLUDING SUCH TOPICS AS BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING, BECAUSE OF HIS READING HABIT. -- MORE

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NATIONAL LIBRARY ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, PUAN MARIAM ABDUL KADIR, SAID THE LIBRARY PRODUCED THE BIBLIOGRAPHY BECAUSE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STOOD AS A SYMBOL FOR THE PEOPLE WITH HIS DEEP LOVE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND READING.

-SHE SAID IT WAS A COLLECTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL ON THE PRIME MINISTER, COVERING SUCH ASPECTS AS HIS ADMINISTRATIVE PROWESS, ASPIRATIONS AND THINKING, WHICH, SHE ADDED, WERE USEFUL FOR RESEARCH.

MATERIAL IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHY WERE DRAWN FROM MONOGRAPHS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND HIS SPEECHES UP TO 1988. IT HAS 2,200 ENTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HIMSELF HAS WRITTEN BOOKS. AMONG THE TITLES ARE THE MALAY DILEMMA (1970), MENGHADAPI CABARAN (1980) AND PANDUAN PENIAGA KECIL (1974). HIS PEN NAME IS CHE DET.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS LATER, PUAN MARIAM SAID SHE HOPED MORE LIBRARIES WOULD BE BUILT, PARTICULARLY IN HOUSING ESTATES. -- MORE
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SHE SAID DEVELOPERS PROVIDED RECREATION PARKS, SURAU AND PLAYGROUNDS IN HOUSING ESTATES BUT GAVE LITTLE CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING AT LEAST MINI LIBRARIES.

SHE SAID THE NATIONAL LIBRARY WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE READING MATERIAL FOR THESE LIBRARIES.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, SHE SAID THE NEW BUILDING OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY BEING CONSTRUCTED IN JALAN TUN RAZAK WOULD BE READY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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