

PM a good example of an avid reader

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.. Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** has been described as a shining example for Malaysians to emulate where the reading habit is concerned.

"As a leader who upholds the concept of leadership by example his frequent calls urging Malaysians to read more are based on his own dedication to reading," said Tan Sri **Rashdan** Baba when launching a bibliography of books on Dr Mahathir at the National Library today.

Tan Sri **Rashdan**, who is chairman of the National Library's advisory board, recalled that the Prime Minister once said that books should be everyone's daily companion.

"I've been told that the Prime Minister can interact and hold discussions without much effort on a variety of subjects from engineering to the construction of bridges due to his wide reading.

"He is also always re-

commending book titles to senior government officials," he added.

Tan Sri **Rashdan** said that as a Prime Minister who had succeeded in enhancing the nation's image in the world, it was wise that the philosophy, vision and mission enshrined in his speeches and other writings be made easily accessible to all through the bibliography.

The bibliography would enable more people to appreciate and emulate Dr Mahathir, said Tan Sri **Rashdan** who is also the chief executive of Syarikat Telekom Malaysia (**STM**).

Acting Director of the National Library, Puan **Mariam Abdul Kadir**, said the bibliography was the first of its kind assembled on any of the nation's leaders.

"Its publication will end a lot of hunting around which needs to be done if one is to embark on research on the Prime Minister as the sources of information on the man can now

be obtained from one single book," she said.

Puan **Mariam** said Dr Mahathir was selected for the National Library's first bibliography on a national figure as the Prime Minister was not only a prolific reader but a prolific writer as well.

The bibliography, which contains 2,200 entries, covers not only material written about him in books, journals and newspapers but also those written by himself, both from within or outside the country up to 1988.

Priced at \$10 a copy, the bibliography can be bought either at the National Library or at the Universiti Malaya Co-operative - the book's sole distributor.

The bibliography is arranged in four main sections — monograph, articles (journal), newspaper articles and speeches — encompassing the various aspects of **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's** administration, aspirations and thoughts.