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DECEMBER LAUNCH FOR WORLD'S FIRST BAHASA ELECTRONIC DICTIONARY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) will produce the world's first Bahasa Melayu electronic dictionary at the end of the year, its director-general A. Aziz Deraman said today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the computer named "Bestari DBP-1" in December at the Putra World Trade Centre here, he said.

The palm-sized dictionary, which functions like a computer is a joint-effort between DBP, Taiwan's Inventec Corporation and Maprint Sdn Bhd, he said at the pre-launch function here.

Maprint is handling the marketing and licensing while Inventec Corporation is responsible for its publishing technology.

"This is the first of such product containing Bahasa Melayu and English words to enable users to find the meaning of terms," he said.

The electronic dictionary contains 23,000 words from "Kamus Inggeris Melayu Dewan" and 70,000 words from "Kamus Dewan" third edition published by the DBP.

It also has 713 sentence examples and 2,250 nouns.

"The dictionary, also in CD-Rom, will enable foreigners to learn Bahasa Melayu easily," he said.

Aziz said the dictionary would cost less than RM1,000.

The DBP would also ask the government to provide RM400 tax rebate to buyers of the dictionary, he said.

The dictionary has 24 functions, including that of a calculator and diary.

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