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SIX PUBLISHERS GIVEN OUTLETS AT BOOKS VILLAGE

LANGKAWI, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Six publishers have been selected to set up outlets at the Langkawi books village, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia.

It would initially have about 30,000 titles on display, said project director Haji Hashim Ismail today.

The village is scheduled for official opening by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Dec 3 during the 1997 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima) Exhibition.

Hashim said three European books village founders, Richard Booth, Noel Anselot and Henk Ruessink would be special guests at the opening.

The books village, mooted by Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, is sited in a recreational park in Lubuk Semilang.

Set to be another tourist attraction on the island resort, it is the twelfth books village in the world. -- BERNAMA

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