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BOOK DONATION CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- The nationwide book donation campaign will be extended by a month to end of next month to achieve the target of 1 million books, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said today.

He cited lack of publicity by the media as one of the reasons for the poor response to the two-month campaign originally scheduled to end this month.

Hence, the publicity would be stepped up, he told reporters after receiving 3,000 books worth RM10,000 from Koperasi Kedai Buku Universiti Malaya, here.

The book donation campaign was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad with the aim to collect 1 million new and used books for distribution to longhouses, estates, old folks homes and drug rehabilitation centres.

Annuar said the ministry's aim to have another 200 rural libraries in addition to the 800 existing ones by the end of the year would be realised if the 1 million books target was met.

Annuar called on companies and government publication agencies with unsold book stock to donate to the campaign.

He also hoped that the states would step up the campaign as some of them had not even started the collection.

He said 162,252 books had been collected so far, excluding bulk collections from certain institutions and agencies.

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