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Book Village

BOOK VILLAGE IN MALAYSIA BOOK OF RECORDS

ALOR SETAR, May 28 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Book Village in Langkawi will included in the "Malaysia Book of Records" as the first book village in the country.

Book Village director Sohaimi Zainal Abidin said today the crew and staff of the Book of Records would be at the village on Monday to do the recording and to accord the official recognition.

The "Malaysia Book Of Records" is the local equivalent of the "Guinness Book Of Records" at the world level.

The Malaysian Book Village in Lubuk Semilang, Langkawi, officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last December, is the 19th book village in the world and the first in Southeast Asia.

Sohaimi said the book village would cooperate with the book town in Wigtown, Scotland, which would be opened soon to make it the 20th in the world.

The Wigtown Book Town would be connected to the Malaysian Book Village on the Internet and a Kedah Cafe would also be opened there, he said.

He said the state government would open more Kedah Cafes in major book villages and towns worldwide and set up branches in major towns in Malaysia.

"The main attractions of the Kedah Cafe are a restaraunt, Internet facilities, a bookshop and an art gallery," said Sohaimi, who is its general manager.

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