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Book on childcare available in BM

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Why does a baby cry? What do you do when the baby is teething, or what kind of toys are suitable for an infant and how much attention should be given to a child's development?

These seem like simple questions for the experienced mother but for first-timers, the answers are crucial and they can be found in the Bahasa Malaysia version of Complete Baby and Child Care.

The book addresses six aspects: newborns, everyday care, play and development, family life, a child's basic needs and medicine and health.

Translation of Dr Miriam Stoppard's bestseller was done by Asma Saad and Daud Baharum.

It took them six months to translate the book.

Arus Intelek Sdn Bhd managing director Datin Azizah Mokhzani said what made the book special was how it was localised.

"We used pictures of Malaysians instead so that people can relate better to the book.

"We have also included useful addresses of post-natal assistance centres and support groups for parents with special children," she said.

Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, launched the book today.

She said there was a shortage of healthcare books in Bahasa Malaysia and books like this would make the job easier for doctors.

"I am happy to note that this book addresses the importance of breast-feeding and it has given detailed information about its benefits. Breast-feeding brings about a special bond between mothers and their children."

The book comes in hardcover (RM199) and softcover (RM149). Six thousand copies are now on sale at book stores.

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