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Azhar's book now at Megamall

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The book Ocean Wild - The Jalur Gemilang Challenge, featuring Datuk Azhar Mansor's solo voyage around the world, has made its way to the country's largest bookstore.

The MPH Bookstores, located at the ground floor of Asia's largest shopping mall, Mid Valley Megamall, boasts of more than 50,000 titles.

"The book which is bilingual is reasonably priced, considering its hard cover and good quality paper. It is definitely a must-have," said MPH Bookstores Sdn Bhd merchandising executive Leslie Au.

He said the outlet was proud to sell the book as it is motivational and instils a sense of self-belief.

Immediately after the book was placed on the shelves, there were people browsing through it. The first buyer was entrepreneur Wan Mohd Azlan Wan Mohd Hussain.

He said the book would be added to his "mini-library" of 1,500 books.

"It will be a good read as it tells the experiences and difficulties of sailing around the world alone. Above all it conveys the message of a man's resilience and his ability to overcome challenges," he said.

"Azhar's voyage is inspirational and is in accordance with the spirit of Malaysia Boleh. In this way it helps to cultivate one's love for the country," said Wan Mohd Azlan, who is also a silat exponent.

The book has also being ordered by State Governments, various departments and companies. Those who buy 1,000 copies or more will have a logo of their organisations on the jacket of the hardcover book.

Azhar's epic voyage was made possible with the support of various departments, firms and individuals, including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir launched the book at the Awana Porto Malai, Langkawi on Oct 11.

Ocean Wild - The Jalur Gemilang Challenge chronicles the sailor's record-breaking feat, braving 190 days on the treacherous seas.

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