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Book on mariner expected to be a source of inspiration

ROMPIN, Sat. - Students will find the Ocean Wild, the book on Datuk Azhar Mansur's voyage around the globe, a source of inspiration towards achieving their dreams.

The book, published and distributed by The New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd, will be given to schools in the country courtesy of Tenaga Nasional Bhd with priority given to schools involved in the NST's Newspaper in Education programme.

The first school to receive the book was Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Pianggu here, where the book was handed over to the headmaster Md Hasaha Abd Manan by TNB Corporate Communications Department manager Ahmad Zaki Rashid.

Altogether, there are 44 schools in the district, namely 31 primary and 13 secondary schools, which obtained the book from TNB on Saturday.

Ahmad Zaki said TNB would be giving the Ocean Wild to all the schools involved in the NIE programme.

"However, we are also looking at eventually giving the books to all the schools in the country," he said after the handing over ceremony.

"The book will be placed in the school's library and will be an important reference material for students who not only want to read the chronicles of Azhar's voyage but also make it a guiding star in their lives. "Students can learn the ups and downs of Azhar's journey and use his 'never say die' spirit to work hard and achieve their dreams and ambition," he said. Ocean Wild was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace 2001 exhibition on Thursday.

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