

Special edition on PM selling fast

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PENANG: More than 33,000 copies of *The Star's* special edition on the last day of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister tomorrow have been booked in advance nationwide as at yesterday.

The copies include over 8,000 each in Perak and Penang, and the rest in Kuala Lumpur, Kuantan and other parts of the country.

Among the highest orders were those from Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohd Tajol Rosli Ghazali with 2,500 copies, Perak MCA chairman Datuk Ong Ka Chuan (1,250 copies), Penang Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya and Perak Gerakan secretary Datuk Chang Ko Youn (1,000 copies each).

Star Publications (M) Bhd regional circulation manager Leow Kim Pu said more than 16,000 copies had been snapped up in advance by the corporate sector, hotels, shopping complexes, schools and politicians in the northern region alone.

See Page 10 for the list of places where readers can get the collector's issue.

For bulk orders, call The Star Petaling Jaya Circulation Customer Care Unit at 03-7967-1777 or Penang Circulation Department's Miss Kam at 04-6473399 or Miss Oun at 04-647-3883 by 5pm today.

"Orders are still pouring in and they have exceeded our initial print order," he said, adding that more copies would be printed to keep up with the demand.

The 16-page Collector's Issue will also feature the handing over of leadership to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

It will be sold at RM1 a copy and all proceeds will be donated to the People Living With HIV/AIDS Drug Assistance Scheme.

Penang MCA deputy chairman Datuk Koay Kar Huah, who ordered 300 copies, said the special edition would be distributed free to members of *Rukun Tetangga*, residents associations and village security and development committees in his Bukit Gelugor constituency.

The other Penang politicians who had placed their orders included Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Penang MCA deputy chairman Datuk Koay Kar Huah (300 copies each), chairman Wong Kam Hoong (200) as well as state executive councillor Datuk Dr Loh Hock Hun (100), assemblymen Lau Chiek Tuan (200), Lim Gim Soon (200), Lee Hack Teik (100), Lim Boo Chang (100), Tan Cheng Liang (100), Lim Chien Aun (50), Teng Chang Yeow (200), Ng Siew Lai (100), Looi Swee Cheang (100), Syed Amerruddin Syed Ahmad (200), Jasmin Mohamad (200) and Hilmi Abdul Rashid (200).

Motorola Penang senior hu-

man resources manager Ahmad Faud said they had ordered 500 copies for their night shift workers tomorrow.

SK Tanjung Bungah English panel chairman Koay Siew Leng said about 60 pupils from Year Two to Year Six had ordered the special edition through the school.

Among other schools that also placed their orders are SM St George's and SJK(C) Kong Ming (Cawangan 2).

Both Ong and Chang said they would distribute the copies to students.

The Perak politicians who had placed orders were Ipoh Barat MP Datuk Ho Cheong Sing (625 copies), Perak PPP chairman Lee Heng (625 copies), Ipoh Timur MP Thong Fah Chong (375), assemblymen Datuk Lee Kon Yin (375), Datuk Chew Wai Khoo (375), Datuk Yik Phooi Hong (375) and Chan Kam (100) as well as state executive councillor Datuk Ho Cheng Wang (250) and Perak MIC chairman Datuk G. Rajoo (125 copies).