

# Dr M's favoured reading materials housed in library

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The public will soon get a glimpse of the reading materials favoured by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad when the library at the Perdana Leadership Foundation Complex at Precinct 7 here is opened.

Also available are books and publications used by him in his extensive research on various topics, especially on Islam and all disciplines of science and economy.

The books are part of Dr Mahathir's personal collection

and they have now found a "home" in the library.

The library, which is situated on the ground floor of the complex, also houses all books written by Dr Mahathir besides compilations of his speeches.

Besides the library, the complex also boasts of a state-of-the-art auditorium with 170 sitting capacity and a banquet hall which could cater up to 160 people.

The foundation is where Dr Mahathir will spend much of his time when he is not busy with speaking engagements.

According to an aide, Dr

Mahathir's room in the foundation, with its wooden screens separating his private office and the guest sitting room, is the exact replica of his old office at the Perdana Putra Building.

The foundation is envisioned to be the reference centre for the country's leaders.

The setting up of the foundation was the initiative of a group of corporate citizens who wanted to preserve the thoughts of the country's leaders for posterity.

Dr Mahathir started his first day at the foundation on Monday.