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Mahathir-Book

KING LAUNCHES COLLECTION OF PM'S SPEECHES

PUTRAJAYA, May 13 (Bernama) -- "Koleksi Minda Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad", a 14-volume collection of the prime minister's speeches and thoughts, was launched by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail here today.

His Majesty was accompanied by Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid.

Dr Mahathir, who will retire in October, was present at the launch together with his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The collection of his thoughts, which some intellectuals described as "Mahathirism", would be a legacy to Malaysians and should inspire them to strengthen their self-esteem to ward off the dangers of a second wave of colonisation.

The featured speeches, which touch on contemporary themes like globalisation, regionalism, economic management, politics, digital economy, democracy, New Asia and Islam, were made by Dr Mahathir at 113 locations in the country and overseas between 1993 and 1999.

The speeches were originally in English and were translated into Bahasa Melayu by the Malaysian National Institute of Translation (ITNM) in collaboration with Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

The collection was compiled according to topics like politics, economy and religion.

ITNM will also translate the book into French, German, Japanese and Mandarin by early next year.

The book is available from ITNM and UiTM at RM379 per set

The proceeds from its sale will be donated to the National Translation Fund.

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