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Aziz-Reading Culture

MALAYSIANS SHOULD READ MORE TO SUCCEED IN TODAY'S WORLD

KUALA LUMPUR, May 24 (Bernama) -- Deputy Education Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin today urged Malaysians to read more if they want to excel in today's competitive world.

As knowledge could only be acquired through reading, people must not disregard the reading culture, Abdul Aziz, who was at the 22nd Kuala Lumpur International Books Exhibition, told reporters today.

Reading culture was prevalent in the developed world and Malaysians should acquire a similar habit, he said.

He said to succeed in today's world, one must read widely.

"I urge parents, teachers and lecturers in schools and higher learning institutions to encourage the young to read so that we can be on par with the developed world," he said.

The reading culture in this country could be further enhanced if teachers, publishers and the people work together to achieve this objective, he said.

"Reading is important because there is no one person in this world with knowledge in all areas. Thus, we have to depend on others to gain knowledge and those with knowledge can only impart it through writing," he said.

Meanwhile, Director General of Education Datuk Abdul Rafie Mahat said activities to instil the culture of acquiring knowledge should be continuously pursued.

How successful a society is often depends on the knowledge it assimilates, he said.

The book exhibition, which opened yesterday, is being held until June 1 from 10am to 9 pm at Dewan Tun Razak, Putra World Trade Centre.

A total of 124 exhibitors, including those from Singapore, China, Egypt, Lebanon, the United States and United Kingdom are involved in the event, organised jointly by the National Book Council of Malaysia and the Malaysia Book Industry Council.

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