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King to launch collection of 14 books on the Prime Minister

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin will launch a collection of 14 books on the thoughts and vision of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on May 13.

The collection called Koleksi Minda Perdana Menteri is a translation of five books in English on the Prime Minister's speeches and nine books by independent writers.

Institut Terjemahan Negara Malaysia Berhad (ITNMB) chairman Datuk Abdul Aziz Rahman said at a Press conference today the translation was a joint effort by Universiti Teknologi Mara, Utusan Publications and Distributors Sdn Bhd and ITNMB.

"The books are on Dr Mahathir's thoughts on politics, economy, international affairs, religion, globalisation and information and communications technology.

"We hope it will be used as a reference for information and knowledge on how Malaysia is moving forward.

"We also plan to translate the books into other languages like Japanese, Mandarin and French. We also plan to come up with a CD-rom version."

UiTM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah said the collection would help the younger generation understand Dr Mahathir's thoughts and vision.

"The Prime Minister has made Malaysia what it is today. Even foreigners admire and respect him. We plan to bring the books to schools, government departments and universities. The books are also sold individually."

The books are Globalisasi Perkongsian Pintar dan Kerajaan; Kerjasama Serantau dan Ekonomi Digital; Politik, Demokrasi dan Asia Baru; Islam dan Umat Islam; Pengurusan Ekonomi Malaysia; Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Malaysia - Strategi Dalam Pembangunan Negara; Lingkaran Pasifik Dalam Abad Ke-21; Undang-undang Keterangan Islam; Pembangunan Ekonomi Dalam Islam; Wawasan dan Kepimpinan 2020 - Nilai Dalam Pembangunan Negara; Wawasan 2020 Malaysia - Memahami Konsep, Implikasi dan Cabaran; Perubahan Fasa Ekonomi Malaysia; Koridor Raya Multimedia; and Astronomi Islam dan Perkembangan Sains.

Ibrahim said the collection would be launched at a dinner at the Putrajaya Marriot Hotel.

Proceeds will go the National Translation Fund and the Iraqi Humanitarian Fund.

Table bookings can be made by calling UiTM at 03-55442018 or 03-55442130, or ITNMB at 03-41497210.

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