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The PM's thoughts revealed

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THE Yang di-Pertuan Agong will launch ITNMB's translated version of the 14 books written by the Prime Minister on May 13. The translated series of the books called Koleksi Minda Dato Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, a joint effort between the institute and Universiti Teknologi Mara, reveals the extraordinary leadership and thinking of the Prime Minister.

Datuk Abdul Aziz Rahman considers the Prime Minister's thinking as the nation's most precious treasure which should be preserved so that it could be shared with everyone.

The books show how the dynamic thinking of a small nation like ours can help solve global conflicts and correct misconceptions about sensitive issues. Aziz describes Dr Mahathir as a person who is not afraid to do what he believes is right.

Five thousand copies of each title were translated. Some of the thought-provoking titles include Globalisasi, Perkongsian Pintar dan Kerajaan, (Globalisation, Smart Partnership and the Government), Pengurusan Economy Malaysia (Managing the Malaysian Economy), Wawasan 2020 (Vision 2020), Politik, Demokrasi dan Asia Baru (Politics, Democracy and the New Asia), Multimedia Koridor Raya (Multimedia Super Corridor) and Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Malaysia (the Malaysian CEO).

There were also books on Islam dan Umat Islam, (Islam and the Muslims), Astronomi Islam dan Perkembangan Sains (Islamic Astronomy and the Development of Science) and Pembangunan Ekonomi dalam Islam (Economics Development in Islam).

Aziz is confident that the books will have mass appeal because "they are simple, yet practical".

To ensure that the books will get read even at grassroots level, the institute has recommended that Members of Parliament buy these books and send them to the various districts.

Why choose May 13 to launch the books when it is a scar in the nation's history? With a glint in his eye, Aziz says that the day should be viewed positively. He sees it as "a day of reconstruction".

* ITNMB is selling tables for the launch where the Prime Minister is the guest of honour. Those interested can call 03-4149-7290.