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Perdana Library enhances user experience

THE days of depending only on keywords for Internet searches are over at Perdana Library in Perdana Leadership Foundation, Putrajaya.

The foundation is now using the Google Mini Search Appliance to make searches through its extensive digital library.

The installation of the Google Mini in addition to its dedicated library server increases user-friendliness and accessibility of its materials.

"Google Mini is able to index the millions of pages in our database and return fast, accurate results. This will be a boon for researchers and the public keen to know more about Malaysia's leaders and history.

With the Internet the search medium of choice, and with most of our materials already available online through our website (www.perdana.org.my), it makes sense to invest in the Google Mini to improve user experience," said Foundation

executive director Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Nik Yaacob.

The foundation began digitising documents related to Malaysia's past Prime Ministers and nation-building since 2005 as part of its mission to archive materials of historical importance and highlight leadership lessons from the past.

The library has a collection of approximately 300,000 digital documents, comprising speeches, news clippings, journal articles, Parliamentary Hansards and books.

In terms of number of pages, it has successfully digitised an impressive 8.8 million, a number which grows daily.

The foundation was set up in 2003 as an independent non-profit organisation to collect, preserve, research and disseminate materials by and on the past Prime Ministers of the country.