

'GOOD TO PROMOTE READING'

PM commends NSTP for placing newspapers in Parliament

KUALA LUMPUR: The distribution of New Straits Times Press (NSTP) newspapers in the Dewan Rakyat encourages the reading habit among members of parliament (MP), said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He praised NSTP for placing all three of its newspapers, the *New Straits Times* (NST), *Berita Harian* (BH) and *Harian Metro*, around Parliament.

"Thank you (for the newspapers). Yes, this is (a) good (effort), it encourages the habit of reading."

In total, 300 copies of the three titles had been placed in the Dewan Rakyat, including at the main lobby as well as the MP and senators lounges.

The NSTP started placing the newspapers in Parliament on Tuesday and will continue to do so until Dec 14, which is the last day of the Dewan Negara sitting.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan, meanwhile,

is already a subscriber to the NST and BH e-papers.

"Every night, at 12.05am, I read both papers digitally. I go through every page, and read at least the headlines.

"Having papers in Parliament is a good step to encourage reading.

"In the lounges, we have Tamil, Chinese, English and Malay papers, but only one copy of each.

"It's better like this, when there are many (copies)."

MP Yuneswaran Ramaraj said reading newspapers was a formal way of receiving information.

The Pakatan Harapan lawmaker for Segamat said it had been a while since he was able to get his hands on a physical copy.

"This is good, because newspapers are 'formal information'.

"They promote the habit of reading, instead of (getting information) from (social media platforms) TikTok, Facebook and others."