

# Allocations sought to enhance National Library

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The National Unity Ministry has submitted an application to the Economy Ministry for allocations under the 13th Malaysia Plan to ensure the National Library (PNM) remains relevant as a catalyst for the development of a knowledgeable society.

Its minister Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang said the allocation is necessary to enable the library to adapt its services to the needs of the new generation.

"Under the library, we have made an application to develop an interactive and immersive shopping space for children and aim to empower content through digitalisation," he said at the Anjung Bestari@PNM Gemilang Night Ceremony here on Wednesday.

He said his ministry also applied for allocations for the development of the u-Pustaka 2.0 platform and the upgrading of library auditorium facilities, multipurpose rooms, lecture rooms and studios.

He officiated at the ceremony in the PNM Anjung Bestari Building, which has been reopened since Jan 2 after undergoing improvements and renovations for five years through the Library Services Centralisation Project.

He said the RM12.8 million project aimed to centralise library services from three different buildings into one complex at the Anjung Bestari Building.

"This centre is able to be a bridge that connects the community through four main roles, namely inclusive learning spaces, dialogue spaces, heritage and cultural preservation as well as interaction platforms." - Bernama