

Raja Muda Perlis Wants Jawi Equal To Bahasa Melayu
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- The Raja Muda of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail wants the Jawi script to be raised to a level at par with the status of the national language.

"Today, we are at the crossroads. As the inheriting generation, the question is how to boost Jawi to a new level as a symbol of our identity," he said.

He said this when opening the Jawi Carnival 2011 and the Second National Jawi Writing Conference at the National Library here, Monday.

He said apart from carrying out more comprehensive ongoing programmes by all parties, efforts must be done through various means including technology.

"Information Technology should be used by Jawi activists to exploit new media to speed up the teaching and learning of Jawi," he said.

Concerned with the current development regarding Jawi, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin suggested Utusan Malaysia provided at least one page in the Jawi script daily.

He said exposing Jawi to non-Malay communities must to be intensified to get rid of the perception that learning Jawi meant becoming a Malay or Muslim.

Praising the government's effort to propagate Jawi, he said among the positive impact in upholding Jawi was maintaining the Muslim Malay identity.

"This is because many classical references or religious books, literature and law are in Jawi. Jawi also facilitates the introduction to Quran reading."

He also suggested that the learning of Jawi in primary school be continued at the secondary school.

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