

DPM: Don't discard Malay literature
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KUALA LUMPUR: Malay literature should not be discarded in the people's pursuit of knowledge in science and technology, [Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin](#) said.

He said development in Malay literary works could one day be made into international-level products that would be used as a reference by literary reseachers.

"The success of a nation should not be measured by material gains alone, but also from the richness of its culture and intellect.

"If we do not care about our own literature, sooner or later it will be discarded because it has lost its appeal and relevance in this modern age," he said at the [Utusan Group ExxonMobil Literary Awards 2010 \(HSKU\)](#) here.

Muhyiddin later presented the HSKU Best Teenage Novel award and the first prize to Sri Rahayu Mohd Yusop.

Sri Rahayu received RM7,000 for her novel *Bima Sakti Menari*.

Hazwani Rameli and Muhammad Syukri Rosli won the second and third prizes respectively.

Also present were ExxonMobil Subsidiaries Malaysia [chairman Hugh Thompson](#) and Utusan Group executive [chairman Tan Sri Mohamed Hashim Ahmad Makaruddin](#).

At a separate function yesterday, Muhyiddin also Barisan Nasional deputy chairman gave out aid worth RM49,000 and four wheelchairs to 30 needy residents during the Bandar [Tun Razak Barisan Nasional](#) annual general meeting in Cheras.

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