Need For Legal Safeguards For Local Librarians
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 7 (Bernama) -- Librarians Association of Malaysia (PPM) feels that there should be legal safeguards to protect local librarians against the backdrop of possible hirings of foreign librarians to meet new demand in library services in the future.

"Our priority has always been local librarians, and we must have a law (an act) to protect them," said its president, Assoc Prof Dr Mohd Sharif Mohd Saad.

He said the association had received queries about the recruitment of foreign librarians.

"Our main concern is that if foreign librarians are hired, then there should be a proper mechanism in place to ensure that local librarians will not lose out, and that the foreign librarians must register with a (special) body before being allowed to work here," Mohd Sharif said.

He told Bernama this after attending the association's annual general meeting which was opened by Bernama editor-in-chief Datuk Yong Soo Heong here, Monday.

Present were National Library director-general Datuk Raslin Abu Bakar.

Earlier, Yong presented the 'Outstanding Library Awards' to Sultan Abdul Samad Library of Universiti Putra Malaysia, and Perbadanan Perpustakaan Awam Pulau Pinang.

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