

A Study Of Settlements In Sarawak Before Brooke To Be Made Historical Materials
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KUCHING, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- A study and evaluation on Sarawak settlement and government from 1400 to 1840, before the rule of the Brooke dynasty, will be made national historical materials after the finding of new facts.

Malaysian National Archives (ANM) director-general Daresal Ismail said history was a chronology of events in the past which should be used as a guide and reference in building a better nation in the future.

"The focus on the Sarawak settlements before 1840 is a very interesting topic because there are not many study and reading materials on the topic.

"I hope something interesting and valuable can be shared with society," she said after the launching of the 27th session of the Malaysian Historical Polemic, organised by ANM Sarawak branch, here, Wednesday.

Three working papers tabled, 'A perspective of Historical Facts of Sarawak in the era 1400-1840', 'The Early History of Iban Migration to Sarawak' and 'Detecting the Migration and Settlement of the Bidayuh Community from 1400-1840'.

They were tabled by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) senior lecturer Associate Professor Dr Bilcher Bala, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) deputy dean and Social Science Faculty Associate Professor Dr Neilson Ian Mersat and by Unimas researcher Bidah Ugong, respectively.

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