

Nation's 1st green library in KK
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VIBRANCY: RM40m project, to open in 2015, will boost state's progress

KOTA KINABALU: THE setting up of the country's first environmentally-friendly library here will mark another step in the state's development, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

The RM40 million Kota Kinabalu Regional Library, which would open in 2015, would attract more people to the downtown area and and vibrancy to this city, he added.

He said the state government decided to build it after taking into account the location, land area and ample parking space.

The state will build it next to Perdana Park and Tanjung Aru Plaza.

"It will add beauty to Tanjung Aru and the city. The site is conducive for developing people's knowledge."

His speech was read out by his deputy, Datuk Seri Yahya Hussin, at the groundbreaking yesterday.

The library will use solar power for its lighting and air-conditioning systems.

There are plans to channel rainwater to the toilets.

The library will use native motifs and designs to reflect Sabah's culture and heritage.

Musa expressed his appreciation to Lahad Datu Water Supply (LDWS), which contributed RM20 million to the project.

"This is the first time that a private company will work with the state library to develop an infrastructure that will have a positive impact on people."

He encouraged others to follow LDWS' efforts to boost the wellbeing of the people.

The state government would continue to support and welcome initiatives to boost human capital, he said.

Present were state Community Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Azizah Dun, state Assistant Local Government and Housing Minister and Tanjung Aru assemblyman Datuk Edward Yong Oi Fah, state library director Wong Vui Yin and LDWS managing director Datuk Steven Tan.

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