

**Book On Istana Negara Features History Of The Palace Construction  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- The publication of a book, "Istana Negara - Lambang Kedaulatan dan Keagongan Raja Melayu" (Istana Negara - The Symbol of Sovereignty and Glory of the Malay Rulers), on sale since Jan 9, provides the public with better insight on the new Istana Negara Complex at Jalan Duta.

Publishing director, Datuk Md. Nizam Md. Sherif, said the book provided information on the function of the various rooms in the palace, its architectural design and carvings.

The book captures the history of Istana Negara, a landmark and symbol of Malaysia's constitutional monarchy which features aesthetic elements and interior decorating that can become a national treasure, he said in a statement here Wednesday.

He said the idea to publish the book came from the Raja of Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail, who wanted the construction of the Istana Negara to become a form of reference for future generations.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, who was the 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong, unveiled the book on Jan 9 this year.

The 287-page book is sold for RM350 in Peninsular Malaysia, while in Sabah and Sarawak, the book cost RM380.

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