

PM's Special Envoy Writes A Book To Share Country's Foreign Affairs Experience
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister's Special Envoy Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar shared his more than 35 years of diplomatic experience revolving Malaysia's bilateral ties with many nations as well as promote Malaysia in his first book "Growing Up With The Nation."

The former Foreign Affairs Ministry Secretary-General wrote about his experiences in the foreign service as a negotiator and mediator, Asean and Malaysia's territorial dispute with its neighbouring countries in his 255-page book.

On the international arena, Ahmad Kamil, 76, shared his experience on his visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina, his assignment to Somalia which he considered as extraordinary and Malaysia's involvement in Sudan.

Speaking to reporters after the book launch here today, he said the lack of books on Malaysia's foreign affairs and objective to encourage people to read, motivated him to write this book.

"I hope this book will be a reference for young diplomats and those who aspire to become diplomats in the future.

"I captured all the essence of diplomacy which I encountered throughout my career in 'Growing Up With The Nation'," he added.

The book was launched by Melaka Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob and the event was attended among others by former Prime Minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and former Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Tan Sri Razali Ismail.

In his speech, Mohd Khalil praised Ahmad Kamil for sharing his experience since there are not many books written on Malaysia's foreign affairs although there were so many books on Malaysian politics.

"This book will be useful for those who want to learn about the country's foreign affairs as everything written is factual," he added.

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