

**Malay History Book Can Foster Closer Ties In Malaysia-Indonesia Malay Cluster - Ahmad Sarji
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 (Bernama) -- The book Sejarah Melayu, by the mayor of Batam, Riau Archipelago, Indonesia, Dr. Ahmad Dahlan, can help foster closer ties between the Malays of Malaysia and Indonesia, said Yayasan Karyawan chairman Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid.

Ahmad Sarji, who launched the 623-page book here today, said it discusses the history of the Malay governments in Riau, Lingga, Melaka, Johor and Pahang.

To date, 2,000 copies of the book have been printed and marketed in Indonesia and will debut in the Malaysian market once discussions between Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) and the printing company, Gramedia in Indonesia, are finalised.

Also present at the book launch held at Menara DBP was DBP Director-General Datuk Dr Awang Sariyan and Malaysian History Association chairman, Tan Sri Omar Hashim.

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