

More Than 500 Titles of Jawi Materials in Digital Format
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 (Bernama) - The National Library of Malaysia (PNM) is keeping pace with the digital era and has digitised 583 titles and 28,103 pages of materials in Jawi script for faster access.

Its director-general, Nafisah Ahmad said the Jawi materials comprised 452 Malay Manuscript titles (21,471 pages), 96 rare titles (15,224 pages) and 35 magazine titles (1,408).

"The materials can be accessed via the PNM Electronic Resources Portal," she told a press conference on the Jawi Clinic, here today.

The National Library has about 4,600 titles of Malay manuscripts since 1985 and many have yet to be turned into digital format.

She said the digitisation will be intensified in line with the government's wish to encourage the use of Jawi among the public and maintain it as a national heritage.

The Jawi Clinic, produced by Radio IKIM since 2012 with the cooperation of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP), will continue to air 90 episodes from April 2.

It attracted 50,000 to 80,000 multi-racial listeners each time. The Jawi Clinic Facebook has 3,186 followers.

IKIM Media Centre director Nik Roskiman Abdul Samad said Jawi Clinic will be aired for 30 minutes, every Saturday at 9.30am, compared with 15 minutes every Saturday, at 10am.

Meanwhile, DBP Director of Policy and Research Rusli Abdul Ghani said they are preparing a guide book on Jawi spelling to support the use of Jawi among the people.

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